The Mapleton Item.

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LOCAL NOTES.

—The thermometer registered ninety-six degrees in the shade yesterday.

—T. L. Banks and wife, of Harrisburg, were among the recent visitors to Mapleton.

—Major Crotsley, of Trough Creek, was circulating among Mapleton friends on Monday.

—Daniel Chilcote and wife, of Huntingdon, were Sunday visitors at the home of A. M. Dell.

—For men's dress suits, shoes, hats, shirts, etc., it will pay to go to W. G. Ewing's, Mt. Union, Pa.

—The regular preaching service will be held in the Presbyterian church next Sunday evening at 7.30 o'clock.

—J. O. Heaton, Cassville, Pa., recommends and sells all of Chamberlain's remedies advertised in the ITEM.

—Several Mapleton people attended the picnic at Latta Grove last Saturday and report having had a pleasant time.

—Alvah S. Dell, of Cass township, who has been working at McKee's Rocks for some time past, returned home Sunday evening.

—McCarl's liniment is good for man or beast. It quickly brings relief when applied to aches, pains, sprains, cuts or bruises. Try it.

—At W. G. Ewing's, Mt. Union, you can get dress plaids as low as 5 cents per yard and all wool 36 inch dress goods at 25 cents per yard.

—Miss Junie Eby and Roscoe Wright, of Huntingdon, and Mrs. David Simpson, of Mill Creek, were guests of Levi Wright's family last evening.

—J. B. Montgomery, of Altoona, is off duty with badly poisoned arms and is nursing the swollen members at the home of his parents in Mapleton.

—A box of salve is a requsite in every household. When buying get McCarl's ointment which has healing properties unequaled by any other salve.

—J. Harvey Tate, of Mill Creek, a former school teacher but at present a bookkeeper in John Wanamaker's establishment, was a visitor to Mapleton yesterday.

—Mr. and Mrs. Bucher, of Altoona, Mrs. J. W. Fisher and two daughters, Edith and Mary, of Tyrone, are visiting at the home of R. P. Smith and family in Smith valley.

—William Reed & Sons have a big sale on ladies' shirt waists Friday and Saturday, June 29 and 30, and on Monday and Tuesday, July 2 and 3. See ad. in this issue.

—W. G. Ewing, Mount Union, carries a big line of ladies' dress goods, muslin sheetings, table linens, sheetings, ginghams, plaids. etc., and it will pay to see his goods before purchasing.

—Mr and Mrs. M. D. Walker, Henry Stever and Miss Mary Black, of Huntingdon, were in town Saturday en route to enjoy the festivites of the Latta Grove picnic. They returned home on Sunday evening.

—Mrs. H. A. Chilcote and son, of McKean county, spent a portion of the past week among their numerous Mapleton friends. We were favored with a brief call from Mrs. Chilcote on Monday morning.

—Mrs. Ray Gardner and daughter and Robert Banks and family, of Altoona, have been spending a portion of the past week among friends in this vicinity. Mrs. Gardner and Mr. Banks are both natives of Mapleton.

—While out mowing Monday morning Harry Myers, of Shirleysburg, stopped the mower and got off to release the knives. He neglected to throw the machine out of gear and the horses started. One of his feet was severely cut.

—Mrs. John D. Long and children and Mrs. William Books and children, of Altoona, were guests of Mapleton friends on Sunday. They had been enjoying the hospitality of Cass township friends at the Latta Grove picnic on Saturday.

—The ladies aid society of the U. B. church have purchased of the Robley estate one of the small buildings which stood on Main street near Scrub run and last Thursday moved it to the church lot. They will use it as an ice cream room.

—The citizen who is proud of his town does not throw all sorts of refuse on the public streets or alleys. On the contrary he sets a good example to careless neighbors by keeping his own premises and the immediate surroundings neat and clean.

—The Cass township school directors yesterday selected the following teachers: Latta Grove, Miss Gertie Quarry; Garfield, David Dell; Locust Grove, John O. Smith; Cherry Grove, Miss Flora Greenland. The Washington and Curtin schools are vacant.

—Edna May, a 5-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer A. Smith of Cass township, was badly kicked by a horse last Thursday evening. The horse was only in play but broke the child's nose and bruised her face badly. No serious injuries were sustained.

—Haymaking has commenced in this section. The crop of clover and the wheat crop in this vicinity are both very light. There is an occasional field of good wheat. The west will make up for our deficiency. The prospects for a large corn crop are good.

—Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Wright, of Chicago, arrived in Mapleton last Wednesday evening and will remain a short time as guests of Mr. Wright's parents. These people are always cordially welcomed in Mapleton and we wish their stay could be more protracted.

—Last Saturday evening we were favored with a call from Mrs. W. T. Cramer and Mrs. Harry Lamberson, two of Tod township's estimable ladies, both of whom remained until Monday with friends in town. Mr. Lamberson also spent Sunday in Mapleton at the home of his parents.

—Quarterly meeting service will be held in the U. B. church next Sunday evening at which time the presiding elder, Rev. G. W. Sherrick, will preach after which the sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be administered. The quarterly conference will be held on Monday evening.

—S. R. Miller's photograph car arrived in town this morning and will remain here for a short time. Mr. Miller has had near forty years experience in the business and the fact that most of that time has been spent in doing work in this and adjoining counties is the best evidence that his work gives satisfaction.

—Robert Minton, a colored man, aged 25 years, an employe of Drake & Stratton, contractors at the old Spruce Creek tunnel, was killed instantly yesterday morning at 3 o'clock by the fall of a rock from the roof of the tunnel, striking him on the head, fracturing his skull, injuring his back and breaking his neck.

—A number of Mapleton people attended the silver wedding anniversary of Rev. Dr. and Mrs. D. H. Campbell at Mount Union last Saturday evening. A large number of guests were present. We join in extending congratulations and hope the principals may be spared to enjoy many anniversaries of their marriage.

—Charles Lincoln Reed, member of the dry goods firm of William Reed & Sons, and Miss Margaret Agnes Speer, younger daughter of the late Congressman R. Milton Speer, were married at the home of the bride in Huntingdon at 7.30 o'clock yesterday evening by the Rev. Dr. D. K. Freeman, pastor of the Presbyterian church. An elaborate reception followed the ceremony, in which one hundred and eighty guests participated. Miss Mary Speer, sister of the bride, was bridesmaid, and Edward Graham, of Clearfield, was the groom's best man. Mr. and Mrs. Reed took a late train for an extended tour in the east.

—A detachment of the Salvation Army from the Huntingdon barracks invaded Mapleton last Sunday afternoon and conducted services on Main street in front of M. L. Rex's residence. Capt. Turner, who was one of the most popular of the band that spent a week in Mapleton last winter, was in charge of the service. He was accompanied by two young men and seven ladies.

—At a meeting of the school board of this borough held last evening Geo. W. Wright was elected principal and teacher for the ensuing term at a salary of forty dollars per month. Miss Frances Isenberg was elected teacher of No. 1 school at a salary of thirty dollars per month and Miss Lottie Smith teacher of No. 2 school at a salary of thirty dollars per month. No teacher has yet been chosen for the No. 3 school.

—If troubled with rheumatism, give Chamberlain's Pain Balm a trial. It will not cost you a cent if it does no good. One application will relieve the pain. It also cures sprains and bruises in one-third the time required by any other treatment. Cuts, burns, frostbites, quinsey, pains in the side and chest, glandular and other swellings are quickly cured by applying it. Every bottle warranted. Price, 25 and 50 cts. J. G. Gillam.

—The large barn on the farm owned by McGarvey Bros. and farmed by B. F. Miller two miles south of Mt. Union, was burned to the ground on Wednesday night, together with one horse, one cow, 300 bushels of wheat, and all the farm machinery in the barn. Loss about $1800. There was no insurance on the barn. Mr. Miller had some insurance on his personal property. The barn was supposed to have been set on fire by some parties seen loitering in that vicinity the evening before.—*Times.*

—"Duncan & Wills, of Duncannon, have purchased a tract of 4,110 acres of timber land in Huntingdon county. The nearest railroad shipping point is Mapleton, ten miles distant from the timber." The foregoing bit of news appeared in the Altoona *Tribune* last Thursday. We have endeavored to locate the tract but the only one answering the description is the Kendig tract in Trough Creek valley. The Paradise Furnace tract is about the same size but is farther from this station.

—Last fall I sprained my left hip while handling some heavy boxes. The doctor I called on said at first it was a slight strain and would soon be well, but it grew worse and the doctor then pronounced it rheumatism. It continued to grow worse and I could hardly get around to work. I went to a drug store and the druggist recommended me to try Chamberlain's Pain Balm. I tried it and one-half of a 50 cent bottle cured me entirely. I now recommend it to all my friends.—F. A. Babcock, Erie, Pa. It is for sale by J. G. Gillam.

—Fire partially destroyed the National hotel at Lewistown Monday afternoon. Flames were discovered issuing from the roof shortly after 3 o'clock and an alarm raised which was responded to by the fire companies. Every effort was put forth to save the building, but the fire had gained good headway. The third and fourth stories were completely gutted and the remainder of the building much damaged by water. The loss will aggregate $5,000, fully insured. The origin of the fire is unknown. While this fire was in progress an incendiary fire was started in the stable of E. Estigh, but was extinguished before it gained headway.

"The Little Blue Book."

This handy little pocket volume, containing the time tables of all railroads in Pennsylvania, is proving a great help to business men and commercial travelers throughout the state. The book is published monthly, corrected up to date, and contains 140 pages. It is on sale on all trains and Union News Co. stands and by many news dealers. Subscription, one dollar per year. Single copies, ten cents. Address, Wm. P. Hastings, Pub., Milton, Pa.

Deeds Entered for Record.

James S. Stephens to Charles W. Rudolph, property in Huntingdon. Consideration $100.

George W. R. Swope and wife to T. Wilday Black, property in Huntingdon. Consideration $2650.

Annie M. Healey and husband to William H. Sweet, property in Dudley. Consideration $400.

The Burgesses and Town Council of Huntingdon to Charles M. Johnston, property in Huntingdon. Consideration $1.00.

The Rockhill Iron & Coal Co. to C. B. Runk, property in Rockhill. Consideration $50.00.

G. W. C. James and wife to C. B. Runk, property in Rockhill. Consideration $400.

Samuel C. Gilbaugh and wife to Daniel S. Bechtel, property in Grafton. Consideration $800.

Samuel M. Winters and wife to George Sprankle, property in Porter township. Consideration $1000.

Henry S. Musser, treasurer, to Amon Saylor, property in Tod township. Consideration $4.45.

George W. Myton et al. to Howard Myton et al., property in Barree township. Consideration $2000.

George Myton et al. to Howard Myton et al., property in Barree township. Consideration $3000.

Barton DeForest and wife to Charlotte C. Mullin, property in Huntingdon. Consideration $1300.

Melissa E. Glunt and husband to Martha J. Kelly, property in Orbisonia. Consideration $85.00.

Marriage Licenses.

Edmund J. R. Isenberg, Huntingdon, and Mary M. Shuman, Thompsontown, Pa.

David B. Wilson and Lola Shaffer, both of Shirleysburg.

Charles L. Reed and Margaret A. Speer, both of Huntingdon.

John A. Harnish and Alice F. Lloyd, both of Alexandria.

Victor H. Black and Jennie M. McManigal, both of Huntingdon.

Harry Lynn Beers, Mount Union, and Effie E. Miller, Newton Hamilton, Pa.

Charles M. Kauffman, Altoona, and Minnie Viola Hamer, Huntingdon.

Henry Johnson and Mary V. Oler, both of Philadelphia.

Townsend W. Taylor and Gertrude E. Foster, both of Huntingdon.

A Card of Thanks.

I wish to say that I feel under lasting obligations for what Chamberlain's Cough Remedy has done for our family. We have used it in so many cases of coughs, lung troubles and whooping cough, and it has always given the most perfect satisfaction, we feel greatly indebted to the manufacturers of this remedy and wish them to please accept our hearty thanks.—Respecttully, Mrs. S. Doty, Des Moines, Iowa. For sale by J. G. Gillam.

—A sad accident, with fatal results, occurred in the railroad yard in West Huntingdon at 8.40 o'clock yesterday morning. Foster Beck, aged only 13 years, a son of Blacksmith J. L. Beck, attempted to board a fast freight train when he fell under the wheels and was frightfully mangled. Both legs from the hips down were ground almost to a mass of flesh, the right hand was terribly crushed and the unfortunate little lad was in a measure scalped. He was removed to the company's hospital and by 9 o'clock he had lapsed into unconsciousness. Five minutes after 9 he was dead, and his agony and misery were thus ended. The griet-stricken father reached the hospital just as the unfortunate son breathed his last.

Would Not Suffer So Again For Fifty Times Its Price.

I awoke last night with severe pains in my stomach. I never felt so badly in all my life. When I came down to work this morning I felt so week I could hardly work. I went to Miller & McCurdy's drug store and they recommended Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. It worked like magic and one dose fixed me all right. It certainly is the finest thing I ever used for stomach trouble. I shall not be without it in my home hereatter, for I should not care to endure the sufferings of last night again for fifty times its price.—G. H. Wilson, Liveryman, Burgettstown, Washington Co., Pa. This remedy is for sale by J. G. Gillam.

EXCURSIONS TO ATLANTIC CITY

And Other Atlantic Coast Resorts via Pennsylvania Railroad.

Thursdays, July 5 and 19, and August 2 and 16, are the dates of the Pennsylvania Railroad annual low-rate excursions for 1900 to Atlantic City, Cape May, Ocean City, Sea Isle City, Avalon, Anglesea, Wildwood, Holly Beach, N. J., Rehoboth, Del., or Ocean City, Md.

Tickets good to return within SIXTEEN DAYS, including date of excursion.

A special train of Pullman parlor cars and day coaches will leave Pittsburg on above-mentioned dates at 8.55 A. M., arriving at Altoona 12.15 P. M., where stop for dinner will be made, reaching Philadelphia 6.25 P. M., in time for supper, and arriving ATLANTIC CITY, via the Delaware River Bridge Route, the only all-rail line, at 8.40 P. M. Passengers may also spend the night in Philadelphia, and proceed to the shore by any regular train from Market Street Wharf or Broad Street Station on the following day.

Passengers for points other than Atlantic City will spend the night in Philadelphia, and use regular trains the next day from Market Street Wharf.

A stop-over of ten days will also be allowed at Philadelphia on the going trip, if passengers will deposit their tickets with the Ticket Agent at Broad Street Station, Philadelphia, immediately on arrival.

Tickets will be sold from the stations at the rates named below :—

	Train leaves.	Rate.
Altoona	12.35 P. M.	$8 00
Bellwood	f 12.46 "	8 00
Tyrone	12.56 P. M.	7 65
Huntingdon	1.26 "	7 10
Mount Union	f 1.44 "	6 75
Lewistown Junction	2.20 "	6 00
Atlantic City . . . Arrive	8.40 "	.....

"f" Stops only on notice to Agent.

Tickets will also be good on resular trains leaving Pittsburg at 4.50 and 8.30 P. M., carrying sleeping cars to Philadelphia, and 7.10 P. M., carrying Pullman sleeping cars through to Atlantic City.

For detailed information in regard to rates and time of trains apply to ticket agents or Mr. Thomas E. Watt, District Passenger Agent, Pittsburg. 6-13-3t

—Starvation never yet cured dyspepsia. Persons with indigestion are already half starved. They need plenty of wholesome food. Kodol Dyspepsia Cure digests what you eat so the body can be nourished while the worn out organs are being reconstructed. It is the only preperation known that will instantly relieve and completely cure all stomach troubles. Try it if you are suffering from indigestion. It will certainly do you good. A. B. Gillam J. L. Houck.

Reduced Rates to Charleston, S. C., via Pennsylvania Railroad.

For the meeting of the National Educational Association at Charleston, S. C., July 7-13, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will sell excursion tickets from all stations on its lines to Charleston at the rate of one fare for the round trip, plus $2.00. Tickets to be sold July 6 to 9, inclusive, and to be good to return until September 1, inclusive. On the return trip stop-over will be allowed at Washington on deposit of ticket with Joint Agent and on payment of fee of $1.00. 6-20-2t.

—Unless food is digested quickly it will ferment and irritate the stomach. After each meal take a teaspoonful of Kodol Dyspepsia Cure. It digests what you eat and will allow you to eat all you need of what you like. It never fails to cure the worst cases of dyspepsia. It is pleasant to take. A. B. Gillam, J. L. Houck.

Reduced Rates to Cincinnati and Return via Pennsylvania Railroad.

For the Annual Convention of the Baptist Young People' Union of America, to be held at Cincinnati, July 12-15, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will sell excursion tickets from all stations on its line to Cincinnati at rate of one fare for round trip. Tickets to be sold and good going July 10 to 13, inclusive, and to return until July 17, inclusive; but if tickets be deposited with the Joint Agent at Cincinnati on or before July 14, and if fee of fifty cents be paid, the return limit will be extended to August 10, inclusive. 6-20-2t

—Neglect is the short step so many take from a cough or cold to consumption. The early use of One Minute Cough Cure prevents consumption. It is the only harmless remedy that gives immediate results. It cures all throat and lung troubles. Children all like it and mothers endorse it. A. B. Gillam, J. L. Houck.

Reduced Rates to Kansas City via Pennsylvania Railroad.

For the National Democratic Convention to be held at Kansas City, July 4, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will sell excursion tickets to Kansas City from all stations on its line at rate of one first-class fare for the round trip. Tickets to be sold and good going July 1, 2 and 3, and to return until July 9, inclusive. These tickets will be good on all trains except the Pennsylvania Limited, and must be used for continuous passage. 6-13-3t

—Why not get rid of that hacking cough before it runs into something more serious? McCarl's Cough Syrup is an excellent remedy for coughs, colds croup and all irritations and inflamations of the throat or chest. Price 25 cents per bottle.

AMNESTY TO FILIPINOS.

The President's Order Made Public by General MacArthur at Manila.

AGUINALDO MAY SURRENDER.

Filipino Leaders Believe They Can Bring It About—He is Said to Be Willing to Consider Amnesty Plan—Free Pardon to All Who Take the Oath of Allegiance to the United States.

Manila (By Cable).—General MacArthur has formally announced President McKinley's order of amnesty. Buencamino, Paterno, and other prominent Filipino leaders are greatly pleased, as they believe that, under the amnesty, they can bring about the surrender of Aguinaldo, who, they declare, is ready and willing to consider the peace platform adopted by the Filipino leaders with a few insignificant exceptions.

It is the consensus of opinion of the foreigners, the better class of the Filipinos, and the Spaniards that Aguinaldo will be in Manila shortly as the result of the decree and of the negotiations of the Buencamino party.

Now that the rains have fairly begun, life in the country districts is a great and prolonged hardship.

Washington, D. C. (Special).—The fact that President McKinley had issued an amnesty proclamation to the Filipinos has been carefully guarded here, and the dispatch from Manila is the first intimation that has been received by anybody outside the Cabinet that such an intention existed. The news created the most profound surprise as soon as it was made known.

The proclamation gives a free pardon to all Filipinos who have participated in the rebellion against the United States, the only condition being that they take the oath of allegiance and acknowledge the sovereignty of the United States Government. It excludes no one, except those who have violated the laws of war.

The proclamation is very brief and is plain and simple, its terms comprising no more than can be put on a single sheet of typewriting. The offer of the amnesty will mark a distinct advance in the progress of the arms of the United States in the restoration of order in the Philippines.

It is confidently believed that the result of the proclamation will be the submission of those Filipino leaders who have not yet given their adhesion to the control of the islands by the United States. The promulgation of a proclamation of amnesty has been under consideration for some months, and the decision to issue it at this time was reached only after advices from a number of sources that the time was ripe and that assurances had been received that it would meet with a worthy response from those to whom it was addressed.

A better understanding of the purposes of the United States toward them is now understood to prevail among the Filipinos, so that their hostility to American control has abated in a considerable degree. With the general acceptance of amnesty it is expected that the American troops will not be kept in such ceaseless activity and that the pacification of the island will go forward more quietly and more rapidly.

BIG FIRE AT BLOOMINGTON.

Flames Sweep Business Section of Illinois City—Loss Over $1,500,000.

Bloomington, Ill. (Special).—Fire has swept the business section of the city, and has entailed a loss that is estimated at between $1,500,000 and $2,000,000.

The Peoria and Springfield fire departments were summoned. As every effort to check the progress of the flames proved futile, buildings were blown up with dynamite after the fire had been raging three hours and a half. Robert L. Schmitt, aged nineteen years, heard the terrific explosions and fell dead from an attack of heart disease.

Five blocks of business buildings, located in the heart of the city, were destroyed. The McLean County Court House, valued at $400,000, is a total loss, but the records were saved. Almost fifty business firms were burned out, and two leading hotels, the Windsor and Phoenix, were destroyed. All the guests escaped.

MARRIED BY TELEPHONE.

Bridegroom Couldn't Leave Home, So They Exchanged Vows by Wire.

Princeton, Ind. (Special). — Robert Lockhart, at Stanton, Tenn., and Miss Katie Cline at Patoka, four miles north of this city, were married a few days ago by long-distance telephone. The Rev. Mr. Danks, of Patoka, performed the ceremony, using the usual form except the request to the couple to join hands. The bride was dressed in pink silk. On the day set for the wedding the bridegroom was unable to go to Patoka. After the wedding a bridal dinner was given to Mrs. Lockhart. She joined her husband in Tennessee.

Virginia Troops at a Hanging.

Troops escorted a condemned man to the gallows at Martinsville, Va. Charles Hairston was executed for attempting to criminally assault a Miss Goulding. Trouble between blacks and whites threatened. Governor Tyler, acting on the request of the Sheriff, ordered out two companies of infantry.

NEWSY GLEANINGS.

Free lunches in saloons have been forbidden by the City Council of Des Moines, Iowa.

As a result of a long drought 20,000 sheep perished of thirst in one section in Australia.

London is suffering from an epidemic of suicide, sixty cases being reported within thirteen days.

Readjustment of postmasters' salaries has resulted in increased pay in nearly two thousand offices.

The foreign commerce of the port of Boston last year aggregated $190,485,000, surpassing all previous records.

A Pan-African Congress will assemble in London in July to secure increased recognition of England's colored subjects.

The bubonic plague has broken out at Guayamas, Mexico, among some Chinese who passed through the United States.

A fin-back whale, thirty feet long, has been caught by two fishermen named Tuttle in a sturgeon net outside New York Harbor.

Mr. Gladstone's statue is to be set up at Athens in the gardens of the Zappeion, in recognition of his services to Greek independence.

Wheeling, W. Va., will be presented with a cannon captured by the United States gunboat Wheeling at Appario, in the Island of Luzon.

The body of Rev. Ignatius Pouchell buried forty years ago, was found to be in a perfect state of preservation when exhumed at Norwalk, Ohio.

The United Bleachers' Association including the most important bleaching firms in England, has been formed at London, with a capital of $45,000,000.

A movement is on foot in Boston to preserve at Hull, Mass., the house once occupied by John Boyle O'Reilly, the poet, and to convert a portion of it into a free library.

THE POLITICAL CAMPAIGN.

A unique campaign will be that of Colonel Flory, Republican nominee for Governor of Missouri, who is to tour the State on a railway bicycle.

Mrs. W. H. Jones, of Salt Lake City was alternate from Utah to the National Republican Convention, the first woman to be thus honored by that State.

The Hawaiian delegation to the Republican National Convention consisted of Colonel Samuel Parker, Judge A. N. Kepoikai, C. B. Wilson and R Rycroft.

Judge Patrick Henry, of Vicksburg, Miss., has been nominated by the Democrats of the Third Mississippi district to succeed T. C. Catchings in Congress.

The Iowa Bankers' Association has adopted resolutions favoring the repeal of the Federal bankruptcy law and the modification of the war revenue act.

Charles A. Towne, of Minnesota, is to be formally notified that the Populists on May 10 nominated him for the Vice-Presidency at Kansas City on July 4.

The Chicago platform Democrats of Maryland have decided not to make any contest against the delegates to St. Louis chosen in the recent State Convention.

Philadelphia was disappointed in Governor Roosevelt's stature. The common impression was that he stood about six feet, and was brawny as the village blacksmith.

Chairman Jones, of the Democratic National Committee, issued a statement that Kansas City will be able to provide for all comers during the convention, beginning July 4.

The Rhode Island Legislature has approved the Constitutional amendment to abolish Newport as one of the capitals of the State. Having passed two successive Legislatures, the amendment will be submitted to the people at the November election.

LABOR WORLD.

Laborers are being recruited in Jamaica to work on the Panama Canal.

In New York last year 910 persons were killed in factories and 40,000 injured.

Two thousand miners are said to be ready to strike in the Kootenai district of British Columbia.

Mexico's mining law requires a company to employ a physician when its working force exceeds 100 men.

Three hundred bricklayers, employed by the city of Chicago, have struck, leaving miles of streets torn up for the sewer and conduit systems.

The great demand for work through Nova Scotia this year has kept many who have heretofore gone to the United States for the summer season at home.

Senator W. A. Clark and F. A. Heinze, the latter head of the Montana Ore Purchasing Company, at Butte, Mont., have given their men an eight-hour day.

The Union Label Printing ordinance has been declared illegal by Judge Klein at St. Louis, Mo. The court's ruling opens city printing contracts to non-union as well as to union firms.

The Great Western tin plate works, at Joliet, Ill., employing three hundred men, has been closed indefinitely.

New Jersey workingmen are anxious that an eight-hour working day be placed on the States statute books and are agitating the matter.

Nearly five hundred men have been laid off in the Erie railroad shops at Buffalo, N. Y., and other reductions in shops along the line have been ordered. The appropriation for local work in Buffalo has been cut down and various economies are to be practiced during the summer. These steps are taken because of the recent falling off in traffic.

THE NEWS EPITOMIZED.

Washington Items.

The exchange of old bonds under the recent act of Congress for new bonds bearing two per cent. interest has passed the $300,000,000 mark.

The augmented Board of Naval Construction decided in favor of superimposed turrets for future battle ships.

The appeal of Fitzharris and Mullet, Irish invincibles, detained at New York port, was decided adversely, and they were deported.

The Navy Department has decided to establish a large coaling station at San Diego, Cal.

The second International Congress of American Republics will assemble in the City of Mexico next year, between April and July.

The War Department issued orders for the retirement of Major-General Wesley Merritt on account of his reaching the age limit.

Our Adopted Islands.

One of the last acts of the old Government of Hawaii was to destroy $20,000 worth of opium seized by customs authorities.

There is about $3,000,000 in the Cuban Treasury.

The First National Bank of Hawaii has been chartered.

All debts contracted by the Island of Cuba by authorized agents will hereafter be paid in United States currency or by draft upon the Cuban Treasury.

The Constitutional Convention of Cuba, with delegates elected from all municipalities, will meet in October.

The Supreme Court of Cuba has ruled that, under the decree of General Brooke, only civil marriages are legal. An appeal will be taken to the United States Supreme Court.

Domestic.

Postmasters of most of the leading cities of the Northwestern States get increases in salaries because of increased receipts.

Western Christian Endeavor delegates refuse to travel Sunday while going to Boston convention.

Arthur Ledyard, one of the best known balloon operators and parachute experts in the country, was drowned in Lake Erie, a few miles from Toledo, Ohio.

On touching a live wire at Galena, Kan., City Marshal Milford Parker was instantly killed.

To save his mother from brutality the eighteen-year-old son of Herman Haarmeyer killed his father at Cincinnati, Ohio.

The entire business section of the village of Middleton, Wis., was destroyed by fire. The total loss is more than $100,000; insurance, about one-half.

Aaron Halle, the bartender who killed his sweetheart, Mary Brannigan, at New York City, has been found guilty of murder in the first degree.

One life was lost and six persons were badly burned in a hotel fire at South Bend, Ind.

James W. Hess, postmaster at Indianapolis, is dead. He was appointed postmaster by President McKinley in 1897.

California wine growers threaten to withdraw their exhibit from the Paris Exhibition unless the jury modifies its decision toward American products.

Gas has been advanced to the legal rate of $1.05 per thousand cubic feet in New York City as a result of the consolidation of all interests.

United States Senator A. O. Bacon came close to death from eating liberally of toadstools, which he thought were mushrooms at Macon, Ga.

A negro boy killed a three-year-old girl in Independence, Va., because he was angry at her mother.

Without an opposing vote, the Democratic State Convention of Delaware ratified the Chicago platform and recomended its delegates to the Democratic National Convention to vote for W. J. Bryan for the Presidency.

Lawlessness has been resumed in St. Louis because of the failure to settle the street car strike.

While working on the cantilever bridge at Niagara Falls, N. Y., Henry Seipple fell 200 ft to instant death.

Thousands of English sparrows have been found dead in Chicago streets, having been poisoned by unknown persons.

Passengers from Cape Nome declared at Vancouver, B. C., that the richness of the gold fields have not been exaggerated.

The Federal quarantine at San Francisco, established because of fears of the bubonic plague, has been raised.

Foreign.

Lieutenant-Governor McInnes, of British Columbia, who refused to resign on being requested to do so by the Dominion Government, has been dismissed.

The Boxer outbreak is spreading all over China, and it is now believed that 50,000 men will be insufficient to quell it.

Further cutting of General Roberts's line of communication in South Africa is to be punished by the destruction of the farms within five miles on each side of the point attacked.

The equestrian statue of Washington, gift of the Daughters of the American Revolution, arrived at Paris.

General Roberts reports that the Boers have given up 2000 stands of arms since the occupation of Pretoria.

The death of Count Muravieff, Russian Minister of Foreign Affairs, is said to be fraught with great moment for France. The Russian-French alliance may be abandoned for an alliance between England and Russia.

CYCLING NOTES.

Toe clips are gradually coming into favor with wheelmen.

Most of the wheels seen on the road are equipped with coaster brakes.

Women cyclists this season prefer high-framed machines with saddles well forward.

Last year the imports of bicycles into Sweden amounted in value to about $1,775,000.

South Carolina is preparing to introduce sidepath and wide tire laws in the next Legislature.

It is estimated that more miles of sidepath throughout the country will be built this year than ever before.

There seems to be a craze with a number of riders to perform long-distance feats. The folly of such acts ought to be readily seen.

Jimmy Michael was beaten easily by Burns Pierce in a twenty-mile motor-paced race at Charles River Park, at Cambridge, Mass., in the slow time of 34.29 3-5. A strong wind made record time impossible.

The cycle record from New York to Boston has been broken by Betram E. Russell, of Springfield, Mass. His time was twenty hours and three minutes, being three hours and twenty-nine minutes better than the previous record, made by Warren F. Taylor two years ago.

A peculiar feature of the competitions for club trophies won in century runs is that the smaller and newer clubs score more frequently than their larger and older rivals. The large clubs compete infrequently, and so the little ones find it possible to win both first and second prizes.

Many folk never think of inflating their tires unless they are going out for a ride. Rubber tires allowed to stand slack for any length of time lose vitality, and fail, even when pumped to their tightest, to run with the ease and spring of those that are constantly kept inflated.

THE NATIONAL GAME.

Mertes, of Chicago, is batting at a terrific clip.

Doyle, Mercer and Selbach are the base runners among the New Yorks.

The St. Louis centrefielder, Dillard, thus far holds the record for put-outs in the field.

Pitcher Seymour, of Boston, has been farmed to the Chicago American League team.

The veteran infielder, Quinn, has received his unconditional release from the St. Louis Club.

Freeman, of Boston, made twenty-five home runs while a member of the Washingtons last year

The plan to restore the double umpire system has been dropped by the magnates because of the extra expense.

Brooklyn has in Kelley, Keller, Jones, Dahlen and Montreville a quintette that has made nearly all of the teams' runs so far.

Interference by batsmen with catchers about to throw is becoming a regular fad in the League. The umpires should squelch the habit.

It is feared that Wallace, of St. Louis, will never again play ball. His injured knee has belome stiff and he will probably be lame forever.

Since Long joined the Bostons he has been playing a wonderful all around game. Incidentally, too, the Boston team has been winning.

Hillebrand, Princeton's star twirler, denies the report that he will join the Boston team. He says he never had any idea of playing professionally.

Neither McGraw nor Robinson is on the reserve list of the St. Louis Club for next season. Both will be independent of any club at the end of this season.

Pennsylvania seems to be the base ball State this season. Philadelphia and Pittsburg are turning out larger audiences than any other cities on the League circuit.

PROMINENT PEOPLE.

Former Governor Drake, of Iowa, has given $500,000 to Drake University.

Sir William Harcourt, the British Liberal leader, denies that he will retire from politics.

Bethany College in Kansas has conferred the degree of LL.D on Representative Dolliver, of Iowa.

General Andre, the new Minister of War of France, is in his sixty-third year, tall, of great physical vigor and intellectual.

The University of Rochester has conferred the degree of Doctor of Laws upon General Elwell Stephen Otis of the class of '58.

Congressman John Allen, of Mississippi, has intimated to several of his friends that he will probably retire at the end of his present term. He has served in all eight consecutive terms.

President McKinley's liking for the red carnation seems to be unfailing. He has a dozen sent him from the White House greenhouses every day and nearly always wears one when out for his daily drive.

Sir Charles Tupper, who has announced his intention of retiring from Canadian public life, is verging on the eighties, and is the sole survivor of the makers of the Dominion. He is a native of Nova Scotia.

Professor Eliot, of Harvard, the other day received from several Harvard alumni now serving in the Philippines a large and valuable collection of native arms, ornaments and manuscripts for the university museum.

Secretary Long has sent to Speaker Myers, of the Massachusetts House, a handsome big gavel for the Speaker's desk. The head is made from wood of the Olympia, and the handle from the rail of the Spanish gunboat Sandoval, captured in the late war.

THE MARKETS.

Late Wholesale Prices of Country Produce Quoted in New York.

BUTTER.			
Creamery—West, extras	$ —	@$	19½
Firsts	18½	@	19
Thirds to seconds	16	@	18
State—Thirds to first	15	@	17½
State dairy tubs, extras	—	@	18½
Imitation creamery	15	@	17½
Factory, firsts	—	@	15½
Low grades	13½	@	14¾
CHEESE.			
State—Full cream, fancy	9¾	@	10
Small	9½	@	9¾
Part skims, good to prime	5	@	6
Full skims	1	@	1½
EGGS.			
Nearby — Fancy	—	@	16
State and Penn	14	@	15
Western — Choice	13	@	14
Southern	—	@	—
BEANS AND PEAS.			
Beans—Marrow, choice, 1899	2 17½	@	2 20
Medium, 1899	—	@	2 12½
Pea, choice, 1899	2 27½	@	2 30
Red kidney, choice, 1899	2 12½	@	2 15
White kidney, choice 1899	2 25	@	2 30
Yellow eye, 1899	—	@	2 20
Lima, Cal	3 52½	@	3 55
Green peas, bags	—	@	1 12½
FRUITS AND BERRIES—FRESH.			
Apples—Roxbury, per bbl.	2 50	@	3 00
Baldwin, per bbl	2 50	@	3 00
Ben Davis, per bbl	3 00	@	3 50
Strawberries, per qt	6	@	12
Huckleberries, N. C., per qt.	9	@	12
Gooseberries, per qt	3	@	8
Peaches, per carrier	75	@	1 50
Plums, per carrier	75	@	1 25
Cherries, per basket	30	@	65
Blackberries, per qt	6	@	10
Raspberries, per pt	7	@	12
LIVE POULTRY.			
Fowls, per lb	—	@	9½
Spring chickens, per lb	15	@	20
Roosters, per lb	—	@	5½
Turkeys, per lb	8	@	9
Ducks, per pair	35	@	60
Geese, per pair	70	@	1 00
Pigeons, per pair	20	@	25
DRESSED POULTRY.			
Turkeys, per lb	5	@	9
Broilers, Phila., per lb	20	@	28
Fowls, State & Penn., per lb	—	@	9½
Ducks, L. I. spring, per lb	—	@	12
Geese, Eastern spring, per lb	—	@	20
Squabs, per doz	1 00	@	2 25
HOPS.			
State—1899, choice, per lb	—	@	13
1899, fair	—	@	9
Pacific Coast—1899, choice	—	@	13
Common to fair	7	@	10
Old odds	2	@	5
HAY AND STRAW.			
Hay—Prime, per 100 lb	—	@	90
No. 1, per 100 lb	85	@	87½
No. 2, per 100 lb	80	@	82½
Straw, long rye	75	@	80
VEGETABLES.			
Potatoes—Southern, per bbl	1 50	@	2 25
Chili, per bbl	1 12	@	1 50
Cabbages, N. C., per bbl	50	@	75
Onions—N. O., per bbl	2 25	@	2 50
Egyptian, per bag	2 00	@	2 15
Turnips, per 100 bunches	1 00	@	2 00
Tomatoes, Fla., per carrier	75	@	2 00
String beans, per basket	25	@	50
Beets, per 100 bunches	1 50	@	2 00
Asparagus, per doz. bunch	1 25	@	4 50
Squash, per crate	1 00	@	2 00
Cucumbers, per basket	50	@	1 00
Peas, L. I., per bag	—	@	1 00
Cauliflowers, per bbl	1 00	@	2 00
GRAIN, ETC.			
Flour—Winter patents	3 85	@	4 15
Spring patents	4 10	@	4 40
Wheat—No. 1 N. Duluth	—	@	84⅝
No. 2 red	—	@	88½
Corn — No. 2	45⅞	@	47
Oats—No. 2 white	29½	@	30
Track, mixed	27½	@	29
Rye — Western	63	@	63½
State	—	@	59
Lard, city	—	@	6.30c.
LIVE STOCK.			
Beeves, city dressed	7¼	@	8½
Calves — City dressed	8	@	10½
Country dressed	7	@	9½
Sheep, per 100 lb	3 50	@	4 75
Lambs, per 100 lb	5 50	@	7 75
Hogs—Live, per 100 lb	5 50	@	5 75
Country dressed	6	@	8

TOBACCO.

Western leaf has been selling to fair extent, but deliveries are free, and have sufficient force to keep prices quite steady for desirable quality stock. Domestic cigar leaf is quiet, and there is none but ordinary inquiry for variety of leaf. Holders are offering moderately, however, and prices remain steady as a rule. Foreign leaf is active, and prices remain steady for all varieties of Havana and Sumatra.

GOVERNMENT CROP REPORT.

The Protracted Drought in the Spring Wheat Region Continues.

Washington, D. C. (Special).—The Weather Bureau's weekly summary of crop conditions is as follows:

The protracted drought over the northern portion of the spring wheat region continues and rain is needed in portions of New England and Texas, and generally throughout the Rocky Mountain districts. Abundant rains have thoroughly relieved the drought conditions in the Middle Atlantic States, while excessively heavy precipitation has interrupted farm work and caused damage to crops in the South Atlantic and East Gulf States, lower Ohio and central and lower Mississippi Valleys. On the Pacific coast the week was generally favorable, although light showers damaged grain and fruit to some extent in Northern California and abnormal heat in Washington proved unfavorable.

While the week has been rather cool in the great corn States of the central valleys, corn has made very favorable progress, especially in the States of the Missouri Valley, where the crop is growing rapidly and is well cultivated, except in portions of Missouri. The crop also needs cultivation in the lower Ohio Valley, Western Tennessee, Arkansas and generally throughout the East Gulf States. Very favorable reports respecting spring wheat continue from the northern portion of the spring wheat region where no rain or only very light showers fell during the week. In North Dakota much of the early sown is damaged beyond recovery, and in Minnesota it is thin and heading short with small heads. In Washington and Oregon the crop has experienced improvement.

DR. TALMAGE'S SERMON.

SUNDAY'S DISCOURSE BY THE NOTED DIVINE.

Subject: Christ Our Refuge — A Message of Comfort, Commending the Behavior of the Disciples to Those Who Are Burdened With Sorrow.

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WASHINGTON, D. C.—Dr. Talmage, in the following discourse, which he has sent for publication this week, gives a prescription for all anxiety and worriment, and illustrates the divine sympathy for all who are in any kind of struggle. The text is Matthew xiv, 12, "And His disciples went and told Jesus."

An outrageous assassination had just taken place. To appease a revengeful woman [illegible] Herod ordered the death of that [illegible], self-sacrificing prophet, John the Baptist. The group of the disciples were thrown into grief and dismay. They felt themselves utterly defenseless. There was no authority to which they could appeal, and yet grief must always find expression. If there be no human ear to hear it, then the agonized soul will cry it aloud to the winds and the woods and the waters. But there was an ear that was willing to listen. There is a tender pathos and at the same time a most admirable picture in the words of my text, "They went and told Jesus." He could understand all their grief, and He immediately soothed it. Our burdens are not more than half so heavy to carry if another shoulder is put under the other end of them. Here we find Christ, His brow shadowed with grief, standing amid the group of disciples, who, with tears and violent gesticulations and wringing of hands and outcry of bereavement, are expressing their woe. Raphael, with his skillful brush, putting upon the wall of a palace some scene of sacred story, gave not so skillful a stroke as when the plain hand of the evangelist writes, "They went and told Jesus."

The old Goths and Vandals once came down upon Italy from the north - Europe, and they upset the gardens, and they broke down the statues and swept away everything that was good and beautiful. So there is ever and anon in the history of all the sons and daughters of our race an incursion of rough handed troubles that come to plunder and ransack and put to the torch all that men highly prize. There is no cave so deeply cleft into the mountains as to afford us shelter, and the foot of fleetest courser cannot bear us beyond the quick pursuit. The arrows they put to the string fly with unerring dart until we fall pierced and stunned.

I feel that I bring to you a most appropriate message. I mean to bind up all your griefs into a bundle and set them on fire with a spark from God's altar. The prescription that cured the sorrow of the disciples will cure all your heartaches. I have read that when Godfrey and his army marched out to capture Jerusalem, as they came over the hills, at the first flash of the pinnacles of that beautiful city, the army that had marched in silence lifted a shout that made the earth tremble. Oh, you soldiers of Jesus Christ, marching on toward heaven, I would that to-day, by some gleam from the palace of God's mercy and God's strength, you might be lifted into great rejoicing and that as the prospect of its peace breaks on your enraptured gaze you might raise one glad hosanna to the Lord!

In the first place I commend the behavior of those disciples to all burdened souls who are unpardoned. There comes a time in almost every man's history when he feels from some source that he has an erring nature. The thought may not have such heft as to fell him. It may be only like the flash in an evening cloud just after a very hot summer day. One man to get rid of that impression will go to prayer, another will stimulate himself by ardent spirits, and another man will dive deeper in secularities. But sometimes a man cannot get rid of these impressions. The fact is, when a man finds out that his eternity is poised upon a perfect uncertainty, and that the next moment his foot may slip, he must do something violent to make himself forget where he stands or else fly for refuge.

Some of you crouch under a yoke, and you bite the dust when this moment you might rise up a crowned conqueror. Driven and perplexed as you have been by sin, go and tell Jesus. To relax the grip of death from your soul and plant your unshackled feet upon the golden throne Christ let the tortures of the bloody mount transfix Him. With the beam of His own cross He will break down the door of your dungeon. From the thorns of His own crown He will pick enough gems to make your brow blaze with eternal victory. In every tear on His wet cheek, in every gash of His side, in every long, blackening mark of laceration from shoulder to shoulder, in the grave shattering, heaven storming death groan I hear Him say, "He that cometh unto Me I will in nowise cast out."

"Oh," but you say, "instead of curing my wound you want to make another wound—namely, that of conviction!" Have you never known a surgeon to come and find a chronic disease and then with sharp caustic burn it all out? So the grace of God comes to the old sore of sin. It has long been rankling there; but, by divine grace, it is burned out through these fires of conviction, "the flesh coming again as the flesh of a little child;" "where sin abounded, grace much more aboundeth." With the ten thousand unpardonable sins of your life, go and tell Jesus.

You will never get rid of your sins in any other way, and remember that the broad invitation which I extend to you will not always be extended. King Alfred, before modern timepieces were invented, used to divide the day into three parts, eight hours each, and then had three wax candles. By the time the first candle had burned to the socket eight hours had gone, and when the second candle had burned to the socket another eight hours had gone, and when all the three candles were gone out then the day had passed. Oh, that some of us, instead of calculating our days and nights and years by any earthly timepiece, might calculate them by the numbers of opportunities and mercies which are burning down and burning out, never to be relighted, lest at last we be amid the foolish virgins who cried, "Our lamps have gone out!"

Again, I commend the behavior of the disciples to all who are tempted. I have heard men in mid-life say they had never been led into temptation. If you have not felt temptation, it is because you have not tried to do right. A man hoppled and handcuffed, as long as he lies quietly, does not test the power of the chain, but when he rises up and with determination resolves to snap the handcuff or break the hopple then he finds the power of the iron. And there are men who have been for ten and twenty and thirty years bound hand and foot by evil habits who have never felt the power of the chain because they have never tried to break it. It is very easy to go on down with the stream and with the wind lying on your oars, but just turn around and try to go against the wind and the tide, and you will find it is a different matter. As long as we go down the current of our evil habit we seem to get along quite smoothly, but if after a while we turn around and head the other way, toward Christ and pardon and heaven, oh, then how we have to lay to the oars! You will have your temptation. You have one kind, you another, you another, not one person escaping.

Again, I commend the behavior of the disciples to all those who are abused and to the slandered and persecuted. When Herod put John to death, the disciples knew that their own heads were not safe And do you know that every John has a Herod? There are persons in life who do not wish you very well. Your misfortunes are honeycombs to them. Through their teeth they hiss at you, misinterpret your motives, and would be glad to see you upset. No man gets through life without having a pommeling. Some slander comes after you horned and husked and hoofed to gore and trample you, and what are you to do? I tell you plainly that all who serve Christ must suffer persecution. It is the worst sign in the world for you to be able to say, "I have not an enemy in the world." A woe is pronounced in the Bible against the one of whom everybody speaks well. If you are at peace with all the world and everybody likes you and approves your work, it is because you are an idler in the Lord's vineyard and are not doing your duty. All those who have served Christ, however eminent, all have been maltreated at some stage of their experience. You know it was so in the time of George Whitefield when he stood and invited men into the kingdom of God. What did the learned Dr. Johnson say of him? He pronounced him a miserable mountebank. How was it when Robert Hall stood and spoke as scarcely any uninspired man ever did speak of the glories of heaven? And as he stood Sabbath after Sabbath preaching on these themes his face kindled with the glory. John Foster, a Christian man, said of this man, "Robert Hall is only acting, and the smile on his face is a reflection of his own vanity." John Wesley turned all England upside down with Christian reform, and yet the punsters were after him, and the meanest jokes in England were perpetrated about John Wesley. What is true of the pulpit is true of the pew; it is true of the street; it is true of the shop and the store. All who live godly in Christ Jesus must suffer persecution.

And I set it down as the very worst sign in all your Christian experience if you are any of you at peace with all the world. The religion of Christ is war. It is a challenge to "the world, the flesh and the devil," and if you will buckle on the whole armor of God you will find a great host disputing your path between this and heaven.

But Christ is always near—before you, behind you, within you. No mother ever threw her arms around her child with such warmth and ecstacy of affection as Christ has shown toward you.

Close at hand, nearer than the staff upon which you lean, nearer than the cup you put to your lip, nearer than the handkerchief with which you wipe away your tears, I preach Him an ever present, all sympathizing, compassionate Jesus. How can you stay away one moment from Him with your griefs? Go now. Go and tell Jesus.

It is often that friends have no power to relieve us. They would very much like to do it, but they cannot disentangle our finances, they cannot cure our sickness and raise our dead, but glory be to God that He to whom the disciples went has all power in heaven and on earth, and at our call He will balk our calamities and at just the right time, in the presence of an applauding earth and a resounding heaven, will raise our dead. He is mightier than Herod. He is swifter than the storm. He is grander than the sea. He is vaster than eternity. And every sword of God's omnipotence will leap from its scabbard and the resources of infinity be exhausted rather than that God's child shall not be delivered when he cries to Him for rescue. Suppose your child was in trouble. How much would you endure to get him out? You would say, "I don't care what it will cost. I must get him out of that trouble." Do you think God is not so good a father as you? Seeing you are in trouble and having all power, will He not stretch out His arm and deliver you? He will. He is mighty to save. He can level the mountain and divide the sea, and can extinguish the fire and save the soul. Not dim of eye, not weak of arm, not feeble of resources, but with all eternity and the universe at His feet. Go and tell Jesus. Will you?

Ye whose cheeks are wet with the night dew of the grave, ye who cannot look up, ye whose hearts are dried with the breath of sirocco, in the name of the religion of Jesus Christ, which lifts every burden and wipes away every tear and delivers every captive and lightens every darkness, I implore you now go and tell Jesus.

A little child went with her father, a sea captain, to sea, and when the first storm came the little child was very much frightened, and in the night rushed out of the cabin and said, "Where is father, where is father?" Then they told her, "Father is on deck guiding the vessel and watching the storm." The little child immediately returned to her berth and said, "It's all right, for father's on deck."

O ye who are tossed and driven in this world, up by the mountains and down by the valleys and at your wits' ends, I want you to know the Lord God is guiding the ship. Your Father is on deck. He will bring you through the darkness into the harbor. Trust in the Lord. Go and tell Jesus.

If you go to Him for pardon and sympathy, all is well. Everything will brighten up, and joy will come to the heart, and sorrow will depart, your sins will be forgiven, and your foot will touch the upward path, and the shining messengers that report above what is done here will tell it until the great arches of God resound with the glad tidings if now with contrition and full trustfulness of soul you will only go and tell Jesus.

But I am oppressed as I think of those who may not take this counsel and may remain unblessed. I cannot help asking what will be the destiny of these people. Xerxes looked off on his army. There were 2,000,000, perhaps the finest army ever marshaled. Xerxes rode along the lines, reviewed them, came back, and stood on some high point, looked off upon the 2,000,000 men and burst into tears. At that moment, when every one supposed he would be in the greatest exultation, he broke down in grief. They asked him why he wept. "Ah," he said, "I weep at the thought that so soon all this host will be dead." So I think of these vast populations of immortal men and women and realize the fact that soon the places which know them now will know them no more, and they will be gone—whither, whither? There is a stirring idea which the poet put in very peculiar verse when he said:

'Tis not for man to trifle; life is brief,
And sin is here;
Our age is but the falling of a leaf,
A dropping tear.
Not many lives, but only one have we—
One, only one;
How sacred should that one life ever be—
That narrow span!

THE SABBATH SCHOOL

INTERNATIONAL LESSON COMMENTS FOR JUNE 24.

Review of the Second Quarter—Matt. vii. 7-12; xiii., 24-30—Golden Text: "Thy Kingdom Come," Matt. vi., 10—Summary of Lessons.

INTRODUCTION.—During the quarter we have studied the life of Christ from the middle to the close of the second year of His public ministry. The first year of His public work is called the year of obscurity, while the second year is the year of His greatest popularity. Christ taught with authority, boldness, power and compassion. He addressed men as men, not as members of any class, or as possessors of any peculiar culture. This is why His words come with such peculiar freshness. In the first lesson we find the standard of true religion raised by the Master Himself. Upon a mountain with His disciples as hearers and the anxious multitude claiming a share in the great course of instruction, Jesus preached that illustrious sermon called the "Sermon on the Mount." It would seem that enough truth were contained in this one sermon to serve every need yet we find that Christ continued speaking specifically as occasion demanded. In lesson two He touched upon the great hindrance to man's development in forming Christian character. He shows the reason for so much harsh judgment. The heart of a man filled with bitterness and fault finding sees only crookedness in others. He is blinded to his own sins and imagines his own state to be that of his neighbor. Jesus candidly pointed out the way to a better condition.

SUMMARY.—Lesson I. Topic: "True religion. Place: Mount Hattin, near the centre of the west coast of the sea of Galilee. He taught the disciples and the multitudes. Who are blessed? The poor in spirit; the mourners; the meek; the hungry and thirsty; the merciful; the pure in heart; the peacemakers; those persecuted for righteousness' sake. The promises made are all rich and full and sure.

II. Topic: Seeking and finding. Place: Same as lesson I. Judge not harsh judgment. As ye judge ye shall be judged. The hyprocrite tries to pull out a mote from another's eye while a beam is in his own eye. If we ask, seek, knock—we shall receive, find, gain admittance. Illustration: The father gives his son bread and fish and not a stone and a serpent; so God will give His children good things. The two ways.

III. Topic: Christ raising the dead. Place: Capernaum. Jairus, a ruler of the synagogue, fell at Jesus' feet; his daughter was at the point of death; Jesus went with him: news of her death; the faith of Jairus encouraged; great wailing; Jesus reproves those who wail, and says the child is only sleeping; He is ridiculed by the people; took only Peter, James and John and the father and mother and entered in where the damsel was. She is raised, and they are charged to keep it quiet.

IV. Topic: The centurion's humility and faith. Place: Capernaum. This miracle occurred immediately after the Sermon on the Mount. A sick slave; the elders sent; the centurion's good deeds urged; Jesus went with them; friends are sent, and probably the centurion goes himself, to meet Jesus; he says, I am not worthy, trouble not yourself, speak the word only; Jesus says, This is great faith, not found in Israel; the cure wrought at once.

V. Topic: Jesus encouraging and commending John the Baptist. Place: In southern Galilee, probably at Nain. John in prison; sends two disciples eighty miles; two questions asked, Art thou the Messiah, or do we look for another? many miracles wrought the same hour; they are instructed to tell these things to John, and not to be prejudiced against Jesus. John is not a reed to be shaken by the wind, but the greatest among the prophets.

VI. Topic: The doom of the impenitent. Place: In southern Galilee. Cities rebuked; they repented not; had been exalted; opportunities slighted; destruction certain. But even yet they may be saved if they will. The weary invited; a precious, positive promise given. Christ our teacher; instructs in humility by putting Himself as our example.

VII. Topic: Christ reproving Simon. Place: In southern Galilee. The sermon over (see last lesson), Simon, a Pharisee, invited Jesus to dinner; a woman—a sinner—came in and washed, wiped, kissed and annointed His feet. Simon had failed to perform the common acts of hospitality, and Jesus now calls his attention to his coldness and lack of love; reproves him for being displeased with the woman; a parable; a question; a woman forgiven; the people wondered.

VIII. Topic: Hearing and doing. Place: In a boat, on the sea, near Capernaum. Jesus left Peter's house and the multitude followed Him; spake many things in parables; this His first one; four kinds of ground represent four classes of people; many things caused unfruitfulness. We can, by God's help, cause the soil of our hearts to be changed from bad to good ground. We can overcome all hindrances and bring forth good fruit.

IX. Topic: Christ's spiritual kingdom. Place: Same as lesson VIII. Three parables which represent the church militant. There will always be hindrances and enemies, but there is wheat, also, which will continue to grow until the harvest. Great separations will then take place. Christ's kingdom is destined to fill the whole earth. It is a live, growing kingdom, with greater power and authority than all earthly kingdoms combined, and offering protection to all who will come under its laws.

X. Topic: Jesus instructing His apostles. Place: A village in Galilee. Jesus travels through Galilee on foot teaching and healing; is moved with compassion when He sees the ignorance and spiritual barrenness of the multitudes; needs more laborers; sends the apostles out; without money or extra garments; expecting all kinds of persecution; but, however, under the protecting care of the Father. Jesus continues His missionary work alone.

XI. Topic: Herod's great crime. Place: Macherus. The death of John occurred about the time the twelve returned. Herod Antipas was ruler of Galilee and Perea. When he heard of the mighty works of Christ he said John is risen. John had rebuked sin in high places. This is necessary, for, allowed to go unrebuked, the sin is made popular and the moral sense of the community is deadened. Herod's course brought disaster to himself.

XII. Topic: "Bread in the desert." Place: Near Bethsaida on the northeast shore of the sea of Galilee. God can supply bread where bread is least likely to be found. Christianity is a great broad "river of blessing flowing through the world."

Yaqui Indians Again Active.

The Yaqui Indians, after several weeks of inactivity, have again become very annoying to the Mexican troops near Torin. Several night attacks have been made recently, and a number of casualties are reported.

BRYAN ON FIRST BALLOT

He Will Be Named For President at the Kansas City Convention.

More Than Enough Delegates Have Been Instructed by Democratic State Conventions to Insure His Nomination.

Kansas City (Special).—The nomination of William Jennings Bryan for President on the first ballot in the Democratic National Convention, which is to meet here on July 4, is assured. More than enough delegates have been instructed by the State conventions to cast their votes for Bryan as the next Democratic Presidential candidate. The number of delegates who will attend the National Convention is 930. At the time of writing 732 delegates had been chosen, and 696 of them, or seventy-six more than the two-thirds of the whole number necessary to nominate were instructed to vote for him. This makes the nomination of Mr. Bryan on the first ballot certain.

The convention hall will be ready for the delegates at the time named for the opening of the convention. The work of rebuilding the auditorium after the fire which destroyed the first structure was rapidly pushed, and the expectations of the contractors that the hall would be ready by July 4 are more than realized. The new structure is in every way as good as the one burned, and though the interior may not be as finely finished the seating arrangements are all that can be desired.

DEMOCRATIC CONVENTIONS.

Delegates to Kansas City Instructed For Bryan Selected in Five States.

St. Louis, Mo. (Special).—The Democratic State Convention elected delegates to the Kansas City Convention. They were instructed for Bryan.

Atlanta, Ga. (Special). — The Democratic State Convention nominated a full State ticket, headed by Allen D. Candler, for Governor. The delegates to the Kansas City Convention were instructed for Bryan.

Louisville, Ky. (Special).—The Democratic State Convention elected delegates to the Kansas City Convention, and instructed them to vote for Bryan. The platform indorses the Chicago platform and declares against trusts.

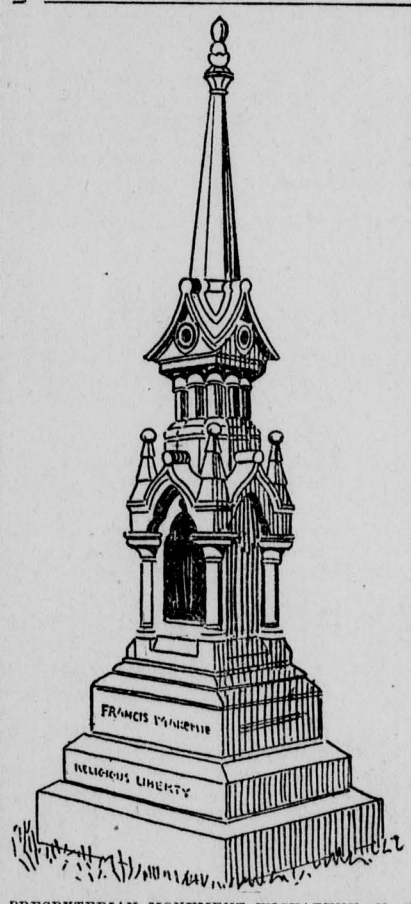
Montpelier, Vt. (Special).—The Democratic State Convention nominated a full State ticket, and elected delegates to the Kansas City Convention. The convention declared for Bryan and the Chicago platform and against imperialism.

Sacramento, Cal. (Special). — The Democratic State Convention instructed the delegates elected to the Kansas City Convention to vote for Bryan. The platform adopted indorses the Chicago platform, favors the popular election of United States Senators and laws for the exclusion of Asiatic laborers and condemns trusts.

HISTORIC SITE MARKED.

Presbyterians Unveil Their Monument in Old Scots Burying Ground.

Freehold, N. J. (Special).—There was unveiled on the site of the old Scot's Meeting House a monument to the memory of the Rev. John Boyd, the first Presbyterian minister in America, and others. The site of the old meeting house is near Wickatunk. About five hundred people were present.



PRESBYTERIAN MONUMENT WICKATUNK, N. J.

The granite shaft stands in the centre of the old burying ground surrounded by the graves of old Covenanters and founders of Presbyterism in this country. It was placed in a slight depression where it was supposed the old meeting house stood. The granite came from Scotland, Ireland and New England.

Filipino Chief Gives Up.

General Macabulus, an active insurgent leader in Luzon, P. I., surrendered to Colonel Liscum, with eight officers and 124 men.

STATE NEWS BUDGET.

Farmer Counterfeiters Caught.

After a week's work, Secret Service men W. J. Flynn and L. W. Gannon, of Pittsburg, and Deputy United States Marshal Lowery, of Scranton, have broken up a gang of farmer counterfeiters. Complaints have been sent into the department for some time that a number of saloons and stores in the country districts have been "worked" with counterfeit nickels. The detectives posed as farmers and after ten days' work got their men. George, alais Dad, Pearson, the head of the gang, was arrested near Huntsville. He had $5 worth of spurious nickels, and at his home were found a plaster mould for nickels and one for dollars. David Bolton, of Larksville; David Riddler, of Larksville, and Champion Keller, of Lowerstown, were also arrested. Riddler confessed, saying that Bolton made the money and sold 50 cents' worth for 25 cents. The money was used chiefly in working the slot machines. The coins were made of Babbit metal, and are rather light. They are poor imitations.

State's Big Coal Product.

The annual report of James E. Roderick, Chief of the Bureau for the year 1899, shows that there was produced during that period 54,034,224 tons of coal in the anthracite region of Pennsylvania, and 73,066,943 tons in the bituminous region. The average number of days worked in the anthracite region was 120, and 296 in the bituminous region. There were 366 mines in operation in 1899 in the anthracite regions, giving employment to 140,583 persons, and 776 mines in the bituminous district, employing 91,442 persons. Mr. Roderick agrees with the mine inspectors that more than half of the accidents in the mines are due to carelessness of the victims themselves. He suggests that the number of mine inspecting districts in the bituminous regions be increased from ten to twelve.

To Extend Rural Delivery.

Congressman Butler has announced that the Postoffice Department intends to send an inspector to West Chester for the purpose of placing in operation an afternoon delivery upon each of the six rural delivery routes extending from the town. The department has informed Mr. Butler that there is no rural service in the United States that compares with that in operation in the country surrounding West Chester Inspectors are now taking maps for new routes to be established at Cochranville, Kennett Square, Phoenixville and Newtown Square, and as soon as they are completed the system will be put in operation at these points, with four carriers at each place. The carriers to be appointed will receive $500 per year, an advance of $100, and the salaries of the old ones at West Chester will be raised to that figure.

Putting His Money in Monuments.

In order to preclude the possibility of a contest over his will after he is dead, John G. Taylor, of West Chester, is now engaged in expending a fortune of $100,000 in monuments. Mr. Taylor's avowed purpose is to use all his money in improving Lafayette Cemetery, on the heights of Brandywine battlefield, a short distance from the spot where General Lafayette fell wounded in battle. The bodies of his father, mother, sister, wife and child are buried there. Mr. Taylor has unveiled his fourth monument. The shaft is of white enameled brick, containing a niche in which is a life size figure of Christ in marble. The statue was made in Carara, Italy. Near this Mr. Taylor has completed the base of a $25,000 monument to commemorate General Lafayette.

Tragedies Instead of a Wedding.

The family of Henry Wess, a merchant of Sutersville, a mining town near Altoona, was arranging for the celebration of the wedding of his eldest son a few days ago. Everything was ready for the event. The train bringing relatives to the wedding ran down and killed the father, Henry Wess. The wedding was postponed. After the funeral Christopher Wess, a son, brooding over the death, left the house and committed suicide by shooting himself through the head. The following day Mrs. Wess, bereft of reason, secured a knife and made an attempt on her life, but the weapon was taken away from her before she could accomplish her purpose. She is being closely watched.

Killed Wildcat With a Club.

With a club Patrick Reddington, a teamster, killed a wildcat which attacked him on the Moosic Mountains. He was driving along when he discovered what he thought were three domestic kittens playing in the path. When he captured them the mother wildcat sprang on his back, driving her claws into his flesh. Reddington dropped the kittens and for a time had to fight for his very life. At length he got hold of a club, shook the old cat off and beat it to death.

Perishes in a Vat of Tar.

The body of the six-year-old daughter of Joseph Fritz was found in a tar vat at the chemical works at St. Mary's. She left home early in the morning with a half-dozen little companions to pick wild flowers, and did not return. The other children said she went into the chemical works for a drink.

Spanish War Hero Killed.

Herbert Sell, a hero of the Spanish-American war, was caught in the machinery at the Ordnance Works at South Bethlehem and instantly killed. Sell's term in the United States Navy expired a few months ago

REFORMER FLINN UNMASKS HIMSELF

A Popular Upheaval of Sentiment Against the Pittsburg Fusion Leader.

THAT CITY AMAZED AT HIS ACTION.

Great Demonstration Against This Autocratic Boss by the Best Element in the State and the Community in Which He Lives.

(Special Correspondence.)

Harrisburg, June 19.—The sensation of the week in state politics was the action of William Flinn, the alleged reformer, in unmasking himself by his high handed proceedings in forcing out of office William Bigelow, the director of public works of Pittsburg. Bigelow had antagonized Flinn; that is, he had refused to take orders, and as Flinn is a great contractor, whose business is largely with the city, there was but one conclusion to reach, and that was that Flinn had good business reasons for wanting Bigelow out of this important office.

The county of Allegheny has been all torn up over the matter, the newspapers have been teeming with columns of interviews and other statements from leading citizens, business men and manufacturers, denouncing Flinn, and throughout the state the citizens are taking up the agitation, and they are determined that the voters of the commonwealth shall be no longer fooled by the so-called reform movement headed by "Bill" Flinn and "Dave" Martin.

Referring to a great meeting held by business men and others in the council chamber before that body took its orders and voted Bigelow out of office, a special from Pittsburg said:

A GREAT PROTEST.

"Several thousand men, bankers, merchants, manufacturers and others, tried to crowd into a room that would not hold 500. The rotunda of city hall and the steps on Smithfield street leading to the building were choked with others trying to express their indignation. At the head of the citizens was James H. Park, one of the most prominent steel manufacturers in the country. Thomas D. Kellar, of the Germania Insurance company, was chosen chairman. Mr. Park, John Bradley, Frank I. Gosser, R. B. Ivory and Thomas McNeill made red hot speeches against the proposed action of councils.

"The following resolution was adopted:

"'That it is the sentiment of the people of Pittsburg that before E. M. Bigelow, director of the department of public works, shall be condemned by our councils charges, if there are any, shall be made against him and he be allowed the right to face his accusers and answer said charges, thus giving him simply the right that is allowed any American citizen, to be heard before he is condemned.'

DONE BY BRUTE FORCE.

"The joint session of councils was the most exciting gathering that has been held in city hall in the last dozen years. John S. Lambie, whom Flinn's Republican organization defeated for mayor and elected a Democrat, presided. Of the 87 members of councils, 84 were present.

"Ever since Thursday of last week Senator Flinn had runners out to drive them in. There was never a doubt about having a majority, but Flinn wanted as big a vote against Bigelow as possible. The refusal of 21 members to 'take orders' was commented upon and shows the demoralized condition of the Pittsburg machine. The following was the resolution deposing Bigelow:

"'Resolved, in select and common councils, that Edward M. Bigelow be and hereby is removed from his office of director of the department of public works, and that the said office be and is hereby declared vacant.'

SCARED BY THE SIGHT OF FLINN.

"The 21 members who voted against the resolution pleaded with the others to defer action until Bigelow could be heard in his own defense, but the sight of Flinn through the open doors of the city clerk's office scared all the county office holders and other dependents, and they refused to be fair. During the speeches there was considerable applause from the lobby, which the police officers could not suppress. After the resolution had been adopted Mr. Wilson was elected. He was the director of the department of charities.

"No matter what the outcome shall be, the Flinn organization will be crippled, and the effect of the trouble on the proposed state fight of Flinn against stalwart Republicanism will be felt.

A BIG FIGHT ON THE BOSS.

"The fight between Flinn and Bigelow has been going on for months. Heretofore Flinn got nearly all the city contracts, but Bigelow objected to the way the work was being done. Some of it was rejected because it did not come up to specifications, and this made Flinn mad.

"The city is about to spend $2,500,000 for a filtration plant and Flinn wants the contract for the work. As long as Bigelow remained at the head of the department of public works he could not get any favors, and he induced Magee to depose Bigelow. Now Bigelow is against Magee because the latter, he claims, invited him to come to New York while Flinn and the others 'cut his official throat' in Pittsburg.

"Bigelow will in all probability be the leader of a new organization, which will have for its object the political extermination of Flinn. The Pittsburg fight will keep him at home next winter, and he will have little time to attend to running state affairs at Harrisburg.

THE EXCUSE FOR THE OUTRAGE.

"The excuse given for ousting Bigelow is the 'ring' charge that he is responsible for certain defalcations in the shape of padded pay rolls. These rolls existed under Samuel T. Paisley, superintendent of highways, and were discovered by Bigelow."

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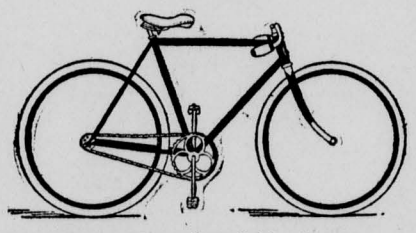

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New York....	9.00	12.15	.....	.....	10.00	1.00
Philadelphia.	11.20	4.25	7.12	8.50	12.25	4.30
Washington...	10.00	.....	7.20	7.45	10.00	.....
Baltimore	11.41	4.50	8.45	8.45	11.45	.....

	D'ly A.M	D'ly. A. M.	D'ly. A. M.	D'ly. A. M.	D'ly. P. M.	Dly PM.
Harrisburg.....	3.00	8.00	11.48	11.45	3.45	5.00
Rockville	....	8.12	11.59	.....	.....	5.13
Marysville.....	3.14	8.17	12.03	.....	.....	5.18
Duncannon.....	3.29	8.35	12.16	.....	4.10	5.34
Newport	3.52	9.05	12.37	.....	4.30	6.02
Millerstown.	....	9.15	12.45	.....	.....	6.11
Thompsontown		9.26	12.53	.....	.....	6.21
Port Royal.....	4.25	9.44	1.07	.....	4. 57	6.38
Mifflin	4.30	9.50	1.11	.....	5.02	6.43
Lewistown Jc.	4.52	10.13	1.30	1.10	5.22	7.07
McVeytown....	5.15	10.38	1,49	.....	r5.42	7.30
N. Hamilton...	5.33	11.00	2.06	.....	.....	7.50
Mount Union...	5.39	11.06	2.10	.....	6.03	7.56
Mapleton.	5.45	11.13	2.15	.....	.....	8.02
Huntingdon. ...	6.03	11.32	2.29	2.01	6.22	8.20
Petersburg	6 19	11.47	2.43	.....	.....	8.33
Birmingham ...	6.46	12.13	3.07	h234	16.54	8.56
Tyrone.	6.52	12.20	3.12	2.40	6.59	9.02
Bellwood	7.17	12.41	3.29	.....	7.18	9.20
Altoona.	7.40	1.00	3.45	3.10	7.35	9.35
Pittsburg	12.10	5.50	8.40	6.55	11.30	1.50
	P.M.	P. M.	P. M.	P. M.	P. M.	P.M

Harrisburg 10.20, Rockville 10.31, Marysville 10.34, Duncannon 10.47, Newport 11.06 Millerstown 11.14, Mifflin 11.40, Lewistown Junction 11.58, p. m. Huntingdon 12.55, Tyrone 1.32, Altoona 2.00, Pittsburg 5.30 a. m.

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Week days	D'ly. A.M.	D'ly. A. M.	Dly P.M.	D'ly. P. M.	D'ly. P. M.
Pittsburg	2.50	8.00		12.45	4.50
Altoona..... 4.40	7.15	11.40	2.05	5.55	9.05
Bellwood..... 4.52	7.30	11.52	2.19	6.10	9.19
Tyrone 5.04	7.48	12.03	2.35	6.27	9.33
Birmingham . 5.08	7.53	g1207	2.40	6.32	
Petersburg ... 5.25	8.17		3.03	6.56	
Huntingdon....5.37	8.30	12.35	3.17	7.10	10.12
Mapleton. 5.51	8.47		3.35	7.24	
Mt. Union.....5.56	8.53	12.54	3.42	7.29	10.32
N. Hamilton ...6.01	8.58		3.47	7.34	
McVeytown....6.17	9.15	f1.14	4.08	7.51	
Lewiston Jc....6.38	9.35	1.33	4.33	8.10	11.16
Mifflin.....6.58	9.55	1.50	4.55	8.30	11.37
Port Royal... ..7.02	9.59		5.00	8.34	
Thompsontown7.17	10.14		5.18	8.48	
Millerstown. ...7.26	10.22		5.28	8.57	
Newport 7.35	10.32	2.24	5.39	9.05	
Duncannon. ...8.00	10.54	2.44	6.08	9.29	
Marysville 8.13	11.07	2.56	6.26	9.43	
Rockville. 8.18	11.12		6.32	9.48	
Harrisburg.....8.30	11.25	3.10	6.45	10.00	1.00

Pittsburg 5[illegible]1, Tyrone 6.30, Huntingdon 7.00, Harrisburg 9.10 A. M. daily.

	P.M.	P. M.	P. M.	P.M	P.M.	A.M	A.M
Balti 11 55	11.55	*3.15	6 10	9.50	2.35	6.40	
Wahg't'n 1.00	1.00	*4.10	8.15	10.55	4.05	7.44	
Phila.....11.48	11.52	*3.17	6.23	10.20	4.25	4.25	
New York 2.13	2.13	*6.03	9.30	3.53	7.13	7.13	

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Leave Pittsburg 8.30 P. M. daily, Altoona 12.15 A. M., Huntingdon 1.10 A. M.; arrive Harrisburg 3.40 A. M., Philadelphia 6.52 A. M.

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7 48	12 50	6 20	Robertsdale	11 39	6 39	7 04
8 00	1 02	6 32	Cook's	11 24	6 27	6 54
8 12	1 14	6 44	Cole's	11 09	6 15	6 34
8 40	1 42	7 12	Saltillo	10 39	5 30	6 01
8 48	1 50	7 20	Three Springs	10 30	5 21	5 54
9 00	2 03	7 32	*Pogue	10 15	5 07	5 42
9 15	2 18	7 46	Rockhill	9 53	4 44	5 30
	2 35	8 01	Shirley	9 38	4 29	
	2 44	8 10	*Augh. Mills	9 30	4 21	
	3 06	8 32	Mount Union	9 15	4 06	
a. m.	p. m.	a.m		a. m.	p. m.	a. m.

Irreg. No. 7, leaves Robertsdale 5.03 p. m., Cook's 5.13, Cole's 5.25, Saltillo 5.45, Three Springs 5.53, Pogue 6.05, arrive at Rockhill 6.20 p. m.

Irreg. No. 8, leaves Rockhill 2.20 p. m., Pogue 2.32, Three Springs 2.44, Saltillo 2.51, Cole's 3.31, Cook's 3.43, arrive at Robertsdale 3.43 p. m.

SHADE GAP BRANCH.

WEST. Irreg., No. 12	Mail, No. 10	STATIONS.	EAST Irreg., No 9	Mail, No. 11
p. m.	a. m.		a. m.	p. m.
5 50	7 25	L Rockhill A	6 30	4 55
5 43	7 18	*Blacklog	6 37	5 02
5 35	7 10	*Cedar Rock	6 45	5 10
5 31	7 06	*Locke Vall'y	6 49	5 14
5 25	7 00	*Shade Gap Stair	6 55	5 20
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* Flag stations. Beersville changed to Pogue.

A. W. GREENWOOD, Superintendent.

EPWORTH LEAGUE.

Topic For the Week Beginning June 24, "Our Eternal Destiny." Text, Math xiii, 47-50.

"At the word the angels shall come forth and sever the wicked from among the just."

However we may try to close our eyes to the fact, it still remains true that wickedness never brings happiness, never yields prosperity and is never more thoroughly ruined than by its own success.

It is also the greatest delusion to suppose that we can escape the just consequences of our actions. However the love of God may be conceived, it can never be made to overthrow His justice. So we are ever safe in trusting in and doing truth and right and never safe in any other course.

There are two detectives from whom there is no escape. Conscience and the Spirit of God are never absent. No bribes can buy them, and no opiates can permanently drug them. Peace can never be purchased by any compromise with them. They are incorruptible. Obey them, or they turn against you.

Our future is never safe unless our present is right. Any risk is too great to run in these matters, since all harvests sown on earthly fields shall be reaped and gathered for eternal years. Wild oats yield only wild oats.

No sin goes undetected. Crimes against earthly laws may escape punishment. Men are today occupying positions of great prominence who are villainous in soul and defiled by sin and crime. No earthly courts may ever condemn them. Wealth, notoriety and influence may abide until they die. What of that? Men may title them and fawn upon them. What of that? All kinds of fish swim the seas; all kinds come to the gospel net. The separating time has not come. The inspectors are not at hand. That business is not yours or mine. As surely as God lives sharks will not in that day be rated as cod.

The important matter for us is to become good fish and not to fret over the matter of another's rating. Because devilfish lurk in sheltered pools and seem to thrive we need not turn devilfish, nor need we greatly fear them. Quite enough for us if we attend to our own work and make sure that we are what God desires us to be.

Sin of all kinds and in all degrees is destructive of soul purity and shall ever bring misery and punishment. Pile all the mountains of earth on top of an iniquity and try to cover it from right; you shall never succeed in hiding it. When you least expect, it will heave the load and stand naked before the world. No care can conceal; no power can protect.

Safety for us here and hereafter lies in truth and righteousness. Wisdom is seen when we side with Him who ages since stood "choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a reason, esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt, for he had respect unto the recompense of the reward."

Constancy.

One of the worst temptations to which the young are exposed is that of vacillation. It is hard to hold ourselves to a set line of action. We crave variety. The routine of life grows monotonous. Change of programme, something new, because it is new, appeals to us. The prayer meeting grows dull to us because there is lack of change. Here lies danger. The path of safety is not always in catering to this craving for novelty, but better in curbing our impatience and settling ourselves down into the needful course of training. We need steadiness and constancy, which can come only from familiar service often repeated. We need the drill in a familiar manual and not new tactics and maneuvers. Make a habit of daily prayer and Bible reading, establish the custom of regular attendance at the prayer and class meeting, pray and speak and sing, hear the sermon and spend your Sunday in the right way, train your heart as you would train your muscles, and your constant practice shall bring its reward in greater efficiency and proficiency and freedom in God's cause.

Idleness never brought content.

Wait.

The clouds may be low over valley and hill,
The voice of the ice fettered brooks may grow still,
The snow may be deep in the pathway before,
And winter may close on our hearts more and more,
But winter must pass and the darkness must fly.
We can wait for the springtime; our hope cannot die.

The briers may climb round the gate we would pass,
With close twining tendrils and rank growing grass.
But what are the briers? They die while we watch
And break from the hinges and fall from the latch.
Then glad for our trial we enter the portal.
We can wait to be happy; our life is immortal.

If earth's joy were delayed till we whispered, "Too late!"
If death touched our hands as they opened the gate,
If from springtime and gladness our souls should be riven,
Something brighter and better would wait us in heaven.

--Forward.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR.

Topic For the Week Beginning June 24—Comment by Rev. S. H. Doyle.

TOPIC.—Our eternal destiny.—Math. xiii, 47-50.

THE PARABLE.

The parable of the net, which forms our study, has usually been associated with that of the tares. The tares teaches the impossibility of successfully separating the good and the evil in this world. The net teaches that God will make this separation "at the end of the world." Christ in this parable likens the kingdom of Heaven to a net cast into the sea. Every kind of fish are gathered into the net, and when it is full it is drawn to the shore. The good are put into vessels; the bad are cast away. "So shall it be at the end of the world; the angels shall come forth and sever the wicked from among the just, and shall cast them into the furnace of fire; then shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth."

THE INTERPRETATION.

The sea is the whole world; the net is the church. Those who cast the net are Christ's apostles and ministers. The fish are those who come into the church and profess to be disciples of Christ, some good, others bad; some sincere, others false in their profession. At the end of the world is the judgment, and at that time the angels of God, with unerring discrimination, shall eternally separate the good and bad, the sincere professor and the hypocrite.

THE APPLICATION.

This parable can be strikingly applied to our eternal destiny. It teaches great and important truths concerning our destiny beyond the grave; it teaches:

First.—There is an eternal destiny. That death does not end all is clearly the teaching of this parable. The end of the world is portrayed. But men are not dead. All are alive, both good and bad. Science, philosophy and theology unite in teaching this great truth today as never before. The greatest scientists and philosophers today, as well as the theologians, firmly believe in a future life. It is not all of life to live nor all of death to die. We shall live again. Our destiny is not temporal, but eternal.

Second.—There are two conditions of existence in eternity, and God Himself, through His angels, will separate men for the destiny that awaits them. The good fish were put into vessels and the bad cast back into sea; the good men were separated from the evil and the evil cast into the furnace of fire; the good remained forever with God, and the evil were cast forever from Him. There are two conditions of existence in the future. Men cannot here separate the good and evil, but "the Lord knoweth them that are His and will one day bring these confusions to an end, separating the precious from the vile, the gold from the dross, the true kernel of humanity from the husk in which for awhile it was enveloped."

3. Our eternal destiny is determined by our relation to Christ in this world. It is here that we are good or bad, just or unjust, sincere or false, and it is in this life therefore that we are determining what shall be the character and condition of our eternal destiny. What shall it be, viewed in the light of our present attitude toward God in Christ? Are we true or false? Are we possessors or simply professors? Upon the answer to these questions depends our eternal destiny, and we cannot deceive God.

THE PRAYER MEETING.

Arrange a special programme with prepared papers or addresses on (1) science and the future, (2) philosophy and the future and (3) the Bible and the future. This is a splendid opportunity to make a comprehensive study of this great and important subject.

BIBLE READINGS.

Ps. i, 1-6; xxiii, 1-6; Eccl. xii, 13, 14; Dan. xii, 3; Math. xxv, 31-46; Rom. vi, 23; xiv, 12, 13; I Cor. xv, 51-58; I Pet. i, 1-5; Rev. ii, 10.

An Honored Leader.

Mr. Leslie M. Shaw, the governor of Iowa, was born in Vermont in 1848. He went to Iowa when a young man, joined the Methodist Episcopal church in 1872 and has ever been faithfully

GOVERNOR SHAW OF IOWA.

devoted to her interests. He has been superintendent of the Sunday school in his home church and president of the state Epworth League. He has been delegate to the last four general conferences and was elected as lay delegate to the one just closed in Chicago by acclamation. Being poor, he worked his way through Cornell college, studied law and practiced in the highest court in the state. He has recently received from his alma mater the degree of LL. D. It is a gratifying sign of the times to find the people honoring with positions in church and state men of sterling integrity and Christian devotion. It is as gratifying to find men high in position in political matters still true to God and securing time in the midst of pressing duties of business to attend to the work of the church in private and public.

The Spiritual Atmosphere.

The strictures that men put upon the Christian religion are often due to the fact that they study the incident. Biography becomes a single page and life the tick of a watch. The patch upon the garment is mistaken for a suit of clothes. One may be a genius in certain directions and a fool as a theological critic. Spiritual truths are seen through an atmosphere peculiar to themselves.--Presbyterian Journal.

The Man Who Disobeys.

This world is too small to afford a place of safety to the man who disobeys God.—Lutheran.

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A JAP DIPLOMAT KILLED.

Chancellor of Legation Murdered by the Empress's Bodyguard in Pekin.

EMPEROR'S APPEAL TO POWERS.

Kwang Su Wants a Protectorate For China—A Handful of British Marines Rout 3000 Boxers Near Lofu—Japan Sends Troops to Taku—An American Consul Demands Protection.

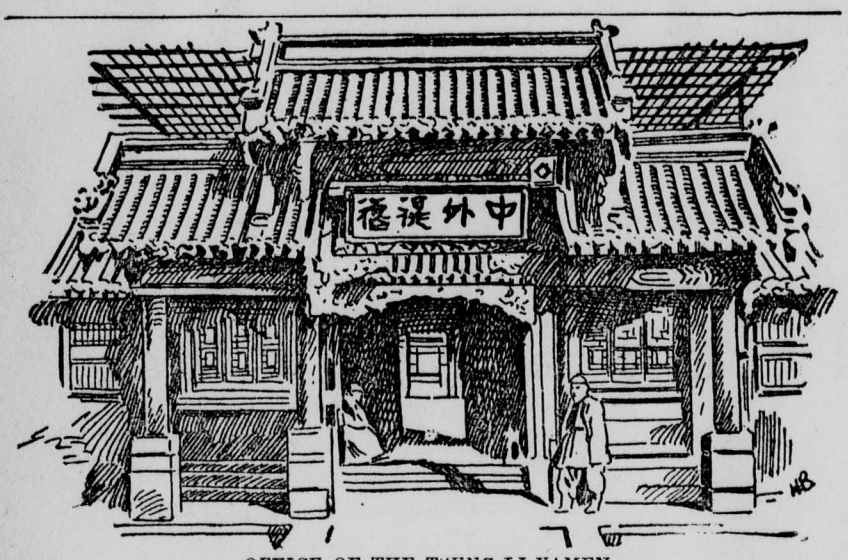
London (By Cable).—The Times publishes the following dispatch from Pekin:

"The Chancellor of the Japanese Legation, Sugiyama Akira, while proceeding alone and unprotected on official duty, was murdered brutally by soldiers of Tung Fuh Siang, the favorite bodyguard of the Empress, at Manigate (?) railroad station."

A telegram from Yokohama says the Japanese Government has ordered four more warships to proceed to Taku, and 4000 men of all arms are under orders to be in immediate readiness for embarkation.

The Tsung-li-Yamen has been packed with Boxer chiefs who have replaced the old members.

The summer home of the British Minister in Pekin, Sir Claude MacDonald, has been burned.



OFFICE OF THE TSUNG-LI-YAMEN.

(This is the Chinese Foreign Office in Pekin, where the great mandarins meet and where the Ambassadors and Ministers are received.)

DOWAGER EMPRESS OF CHINA.

Sixteen British marines, recomoitring in advance of the international column which was marching to Pekin fought and chased 2000 Boxers, killing twenty or thirty.

Through the medium of the Express the Emperor of China publishes a message to the peoples of the civilized world. His Majesty urges that the powers shall set him free from his prison in the Pekin palace, transfer him to a new capital, depose the Dowager Empress and establish a joint protectorate over the empire, which they shall govern through him, assuming entire control of customs ports and telegraphs.

CHINESE SITUATION DISCUSSED.

The Cabinet Adheres to Its Announced Policy—Request For a Cruiser.

Washington, D. C. (Special). — The Cabinet meeting Tuesday was attended by Secretaries Hay, Hitchcock, Long and Gage, and Postmaster-General Smith. It was devoted largely to discussion of the Chinese situation. The Cabinet decided to stand by the policy of pushing measures for the protection of the lives and property of American citizens and of acting independently so far as possible. The extent of American activity will be confined solely to the protection and safeguarding of American interests. The Chinese Government will be looked to, under the general laws of the comity of the nations, to restore order and to make such reparation as is proper. From all political schemes in which any of the powers may become involved, the United States is to hold aloof. This is the general policy heretofore outlined, and it will be adhered to.

The following dispatch was received at the State Department:

"Chin-Kiang.—Large numbers of natives organized secret society, halted here. People very apprehensive. No protection. Want cruiser. MARTIN."

Mr. Martin is the United States Consul at Chin-Kiang, and his telegram is the first news received here to indicate the spread of the Boxer agitation in that section of China.

ATTACK ON LABOR UNIONS

Testimony of N. F. Thompson Before the Industrial Commission.

He Says They Are the Greatest Menace to the Government That Exists —Suggested Legislation.

Washington, D. C. (Special).—Before the United States Industrial Commission N. F. Thompson, secretary of the Southern Industrial Convention, made a sensational attack upon labor unions:

"Labor organizations are to-day," he declared, "the greatest menace to this Government that exists inside and outside the pale of our national domain. Their influence for disruption and disorganization of society is far more dangerous to the perpetuation of our Government in its purity and power than would be the hostile array on our borders of the armies of the entire world combined."

Mr. Thompson declared that he made this statement after years of close study, embracing the principal industrial centres both of the North and the South. In support of his statement he said that "on every hand, and for the slightest provocation, all classes of organized labor stand ready to inaugurate a strike, with all its attendant evils."

He maintained that "organizations teaching such theories should be held as treasonable in their character, and their leaders worse than traitors to their country."

Mr. Thompson said that many labor leaders are open and avowed Socialists; that their organizations are weakening the ties of citizenship among thousands of our people in that they have no other standard of community obligations than what these organizations inculcate; that they are bringing reproach upon the judicial tribunals of our country by public abuse of these tribunals and often open defiance of their judgments and decrees, thus seeking to break down the only safeguards of a free people."

The remedy for these evils lies, he said, principally, in a correct public sentiment touching the relations that should exist between labor and capital. A uniform law that would take the individual workman out from under any ban of reproach, such as "scab" or "black list," he thought, would aid in re-establishing correct relations between labor and capital.

"A further law," he added, "should be enacted that would make it justifiable homicide for any killing that occured in defense of any lawful occupation."

In view of the close relationship existing among all classes of our citizens and the interdependence of all interests, strikes and boycotts, he thought, should be made a felony both by national and State legislation.

JUMPS INTO WHIRLPOOL RAPIDS.

Despondent in Love, Miss Roth, of Allentown, Penn., Takes Her Life.

Niagara Falls, N. Y. (Special.)—Gertrude Roth, twenty years old and reckless, ran away from her sister's home in Allentown, Penn., and committed suicide by leaping into the whirlpool rapids.

The girl arrived here on the Lehigh Valley Railroad. She had no baggage, but seemed to have plenty of money. She slept at the Wayne Hotel, breakfasted heartily, hired a hack to see the Falls. She drove about a bit, bought some keepsakes for her friends, and laughingly descended the elevator on the Canadian side to the whirlpool rapids, into which she stepped without a moment's hesitation.

Love for a Lehigh student—a foolish girl love for a boy—lay behind this strange suicide.

ENTIRE FAMILY BURNED TO DEATH.

Four Persons Lose Their Lives in Newfield, Me.—Foul Play Suspected.

Newfield, Me. (Special).—George W. Goodwin's farm buildings, in a sparsely settled section of the town near the New Hampshire line, were burned, and the four members of the household perished. Mr. Goodwin was a prosperous farmer and a veteran of the Civil War, about sixty years old. The other members of his household were his son, Scott Goodwin, twenty years old; Mrs. Elsie Horne, the housekeeper, sixty, and Fred E. Murch, a farm hand, thirty years old. The natural supposition is that the fire started from accidental causes, and that they were all suffocated in their beds, but some of the residents of the town are inclined to suspect foul play.

THE NATIONAL GAME.

The Cincinnatis are using black bats.

Forty-eight pitchers have been worked in the League this year.

Pitcher Cogan has been released by the Chicago team to New York.

Nine errorless games have been played by the Brooklyns this season.

Boston is playing the best all-round game just now of any of the League teams.

Chicago's new first baseman, Ganzell, is a splendid fielder and very good batsman.

Jerry Denny has released Mike Tiernan from the Derby Club of the Connecticut League.

Garvin, of Chicago, has a more varied assortment of curves than perhaps any other pitcher in the League.

Three old League umpires—John W. Gaffney, Tom Connolly and W. J. Smith—are officiating in college games.

The plan to restore the double umpire system has been dropped by the magnates, because of the extra expense.

The Cincinnat team is very weak in batting and almost any pitcher can keep its score down to a very low figure.

Flynn, of the Indianapolis team, has played in no less than four different positions so far this season and his fielding average is over .900.

Crawford, the fine young outfielder of the Cincinnati team, hails from Wahoo, Neb., and was a barber before he became a League ball player.

Lajoie, of Philadelphia, will be laid up for a month, owing to a broken thumb, sustained in a fist fight with Flick, which Lajoie started over a trifle.

Boston critics say that "both the Cincinnati and Boston outfields are weak on ground balls, and none too strong in throwing or playing for the batsman."

CYCLING NOTES.

The free wheel or coaster brake made its appearance on the racing path recently in England.

The bicycle riders of Bridgeport and New Haven are again agitating a Bridgeport-New Haven cycle path plan.

The exact distance of the pedal at the bottom of the stroke should be such that the rider can hold the pedal with the heel.

According to a veteran rider it is well to keep your tires taut, even though the machine is put aside and not intended to be ridden for some time.

Jimmy Michael's trainer says that the midget is now down to 102 pounds, and is riding miles easily in 1:55, and can ride in 1:35 at any time he may see fit.

The fatal accident to Miles and Stafford at Waltham, Mass., naturally creates a great deal of talk about the dangers of motor cycle racing and pacing on the track. This was the first fatality in the East since the introduction of motors.

The best way to mount the wheel, in the opinion of experts, is to hold the handlebars easily, walk along the left side of the machine rather sharply, and then, without stopping, put the left foot on the step and spring into the saddle.

New Hampshire wheelmen are in the sidepath movement with a vim. Paths are under construction from Dover to Summersworth, Nashua to the Massachusetts State line, there connecting with the boulevard system of the Bay State.

Sixty-five wheelmen have been arrested at Dunkirk, N. Y., for riding on the Dunkirk bicycle sidepath without State cycle tag licenses Several lawyers say the sidepath law is unconstitutional and those arrested declare they will carry their cases to the Court of Appeals before they will pay fines.

PROMINENT PEOPLE.

The King of Spain will visit Paris the guest of the French Government.

Major-General O. O. Howard has been elected president of the Congregational Home Missionary Society.

Wu Tung Fang, the Chinese Minister at Washington, prefers the bicycle to any other means of getting about.

Sir Thomas Lipton has joined the Royal Cork Yacht Club and says he will challenge for the America's Cup under its auspices.

Fearing assassination in Eastern Servia, King Alexandria has given up his proposed tour of conciliation throughout that country.

Secretary of State and Mrs. Hay will spend the summer at their country place on the shores of Lake Sunapee, New Hampshire.

General Cronje and his wife appear to be conducted at St. Helena. The General amuses himself by playing quoits, and his wife with laundry work.

President McKinley has accepted an invitation to attend the reunion and banquet of the "Iron Brigade of the Army of the Potomac," to be held in Chicago, August 27.

General Roberts has made several engagements for himself in London during September, and has ordered his town house to be ready for him on the first day of the month.

Richard Yates, the Republican nominee for Governor of Illinois, is a man of considerable literary tastes, and for several years has been collecting a library of rare books, until now he owns one of the best in that State.

Lieutenant-General Nelson A. Miles is the seventh officer of the Army to hold that rank, his predecessors being Washington, Scott, Grant, Sherman, Sheridan and Schofield, the last named now being on the retired list.

THE MARKETS.

Late Wholesale Prices of Country Produce Quoted in New York.

25			
BUTTER.			
Creamery—West, extras..	$ —	@	$ 19
Firsts...	18	@	18½
Thirds to seconds.....	15½	@	17½
State—Thirds to firsts..	15	@	17½
State dairy tubs, extras..	18	@	18½
Imitation creamery.... ..	14	@	17
Factory, firsts....	15¼	@	15½
Low grades.....	14	@	14½
CHEESE.			
State—Full cream, fancy..	9½	@	9⅝
Small....	—	@	9
Part skims, good to prime	4½	@	5½
Full skims.....	1	@	1½
EGGS.			
Nearby — Fancy.....	15	@	15½
State and Penn.....	14	@	14½
Western — Choice.....	13½	@	14
Southern	8	@	10½
BEANS AND PEAS.			
Beans—Marrow, choice, 1899	—	@	2 20
Medium, 1899.....	2 12½	@	2 15
Pea, choice, 1899.....	2 27½	@	2 30
Red kidney, choice, 1899.	—	@	2 15
White kidney, choice, 1899	2 25	@	2 30
Yellow eye, 1899.....	—	@	2 20
Lima, Cal.....	3 52½	@	3 55
Green peas, bags.....	1 12½	@	1 15
FRUITS AND BERRIES—FRESH.			
Apples—Roxbury, per bbl.	2 50	@	3 00
Baldwin, per bbl.....	2 50	@	3 00
Ben Davis, per bbl.....	3 00	@	3 50
Strawberries, per qt.....	4	@	8
Huckleberries, N.C., per qt	5	@	10
Gooseberries, per qt.....	5	@	6
Peaches, per carrier.....	75	@	2 00
Plums, per carrier.....	1 00	@	1 50
Cherries, Jersey, per bask.	40	@	60
Blackberries, per qt.....	4	@	9
LIVE POULTRY.			
Fowls, per lb.....	—	@	10½
Spring chickens, per lb....	18	@	22
Roosters, per lb.....	—	@	6½
Turkeys, per lb.....	8	@	9
Ducks, per pair.....	35	@	60
Geese, per pair.....	70	@	1 00
Pigeons, per pair.....	25	@	35
DRESSED POULTRY.			
Turkeys, per lb.....	5	@	9
Broilers, Phila., per lb....	20	@	28
Fowls, State & Penn., per lb	9½	@	10
Ducks, L. I. spring, per lb.	12½	@	13
Geese, Eastern spring, per lb	—	@	20
Squabs, per doz.....	1 00	@	2 25
HOPS.			
State—1899, choice, per lb.	—	@	13
1899, fair.....	—	@	10
Pacific Coast—1889, choice.	—	@	13
Common to fair.....	7	@	10
Old odds.....	2	@	5
HAY AND STRAW.			
Hay—Prime, per 100 lb....	87½	@	90
No. 1, per 100 lb.....	85	@	87½
No. 2, per 100 lb.....	80	@	82½
Straw, long rye.....	75	@	85
VEGETABLES.			
Potatoes—Southern, per bbl	1 50	@	2 25
Chili, per bbl.....	1 25	@	1 75
Cabbages, N. C., per bbl..	75	@	85
Onions—N. O., per bbl....	2 25	@	2 50
Egyptian, per bag.....	2 25	@	2 30
Turnips, per 100 bunches..	1 00	@	2 00
Tomatoes, Fla., per carrier.	75	@	2 00
String beans, per basket..	30	@	75
Beets, per 100 bunches.....	1 00	@	2 00
Peas, per basket.....	75	@	1 25
Asparagus, per doz. bunc.	1 25	@	5 00
Squash, per crate.....	1 00	@	2 00
Cucumbers, per basket....	40	@	75
GRAIN, ETC.			
Flour—Winter patents ...	3 65	@	4 00
Spring patents	3 80	@	4 15
Wheat—No. 1 N. Duluth.	—	@	80⅜
No. 2 red.....	—	@	84⅛
Corn — No. 2.....	44⅜	@	45¾
Oats—No. 2 white.....	—	@	28½
Track mixed	26½	@	28
Rye — Western.....	62½	@	63
State....	—	@	58
Lard, city....	6.35c.	@	6.45c.
LIVE STOCK.			
Beeves, city dressed.....	7¼	@	8½
Calves—City dressed	8½	@	10½
Country dressed	7	@	9½
Sheep, per 100 lb.....	3 75	@	5 15
Lambs, per 100 lb.....	7 12½	@	8 20
Hogs—Live, per 100 lb.....	5 60	@	5 65
Country dressed	6	@	8

TOBACCO.

The bulk of the tobacco crop has been transplanted in the Ohio Valley and Middle Atlantic States, and a large part of the crop in New England has been set. An excellent stand is reported from the States of the Ohio Valley. Western leaf has been selling to fair extent only the past few days, but contract deliveries are free, and have sufficient force to keep prices quite steady for desirable quality stock. Domestic cigar leaf is rather quiet, and there is none but ordinary inquiry for any variety of leaf. Holders are offering moderately, however, and prices remain steady as a rule. Foreign leaf is moderately active, and prices remain quite steady for all varieties of Havana and Sumatra product.

THE WHEAT OUTLOOK.

Indications Are For a Total Crop of 597,000,000 Bushels This Year.

Washington, D. C. (Special).—The Department of Agriculture estimates that the area sown to winter wheat is less than a million acres, and less than four per cent. below the area harvested last fall. The season has been most unfavorable, and the present condition is reported to be most unsatisfactory in the Central Western States. Taking the whole winter section, the department states the condition June 1—since which there has been further deterioration—at a percentage which corresponds to 13.7 bushels per acre, while on June 1 of last year the condition figures corresponded to a yield of 10.9 bushels per acre. This improvement in condition very much more than offsets the slight decrease in area, and, translating the condition figures into crop figures, the promise of winter wheat on June 1 was 59,000,000 bushels better than the promise on the same date last year.

The officially estimated acreage of spring wheat is a little larger than a year ago, and the condition promises .7 of a bushel per acre less. Translating the condition figures into bushels we have a probable decrease of 7,000,000 bushels in the yield. The crop last year, as officially stated, was 3.6 per cent. less than the promise on June 1. A like shrinkage in the figures for this year would result in a total wheat crop of 597,000,000, or fifty millions more than last year.

England Orders Our Locomotives.

Great Britain has sent a rush order to America for fifty locomotives.

SCIENCE AND INDUSTRY.

In southern France successful efforts have been made to arrest forest fires by growing the juicy cactus plants in open spaces separating the sections of the forests.

Water is the hardest of all substances to heat, with the single exception of hydrogen gas. The easiest two are mercury and lead, which stand in this respect on nearly the same footing.

In Germany at points where there is danger of high voltage electric currents, there is a conventional representation of a zigzag bolt of lightning. This is painted on transformer chambers, poles and similar places.

Alfred Austin's latest verses on the war n South Africa have taught us at least one thing, namely, haw to pronounce Mafeking. We have grown tired of hearing Ma-feek-ing, Ma-fake-ing, Maf-ache-ing, May-fek-ing, etc. The laureate says Maffyking, or Maf-e-king.

Authorities differ as to the rate of growth of the human hair, and it is said to be very dissimilar in different individuals. The most usually accepted calculation gives six and one half inches per annum. A man's hair, allowed to grow to its extreme length, rarely exceeds 12 inches or 14 inches, while that of a woman will grow in rare instances to 70 inches or 75 inches, though the average does not exceed 25 inches to 30 inches.

In the Russian engineer corps an ingenious pile-driver which acts with great speed, is used. On two sides of the pile one-inch gas-pipes are placed in longitudinal grooves. At the lower end the pipes are furnished with nozzles inclined inward toward the point of the pile. A force-pump drives water into the pipes, and the water, issuing from the nozzles under a pressure of 70 pounds to the square inch, removes the dirt so rapidly beneath the pile that it sinks three times as fast as if hammered by a pile-driver.

Luminous glass letters for street names, house numbers, etc., are a successful German product. They are made in all colors from pressed glass, are hollow, being open at the back, and before being attached to their tin backings, they are filled with luminous material, which is now supplied by chemical factories. The tin backs are nailed to the wall, the glass being then fastened to the tin by a pin with screws. Being protected from the air and moisture, the luminous substance lasts a long time, and is much superior to coatings of luminous paint.

Some curious spiral fossils, recently discovered in rocks of the Permian period in Russia, appear to represent a kind of sawlike appendage, armed with enamelled teeth, and capable of being rolled up in the manner of a spiral spring which once belonged to a species of fish related to the rays and dogfish of today. A French geologist, Monsieur Priem, suggests that the fish carried this singular weapon as an extension of its upper jaw. Except in its capability of being rolled up, such an appendage seems to be no more wonderful than that of the sawfish or the swordfish.

As there is an absence of coal in Switzerland, it is not possible for the people of that country to produce the iron used in many of their manufactures, and it must be imported from Germany. Instead of being dependent on coal for smelting the iron ores which are to be found within the boundaries of Switzerland, it has recently been determined to make use of the electric furnace for this purpose, and such a proposition is now being developed by Herr Muller Landsmann in the Bernese Oberland, near Meiringen. A concession has been obtained from the government to work an outcrop of hematite which occurs along the mountain face at this locality, the vein having a thickness of seven feet, and being visible for about two miles. The ore will be transported by aerial ropeway to Innertkirchen below, and power to the extent of 60,000 horse-power will be derived from the Aar, and used to drive the machinery and supply the current for the electric furnaces. Switzerland is particularly rich in water-power as well as deficient in coal, and the results of this enterprise will be awaited with much interest.

Siberian Partridges for Invalids.

A useful addition to the dietary of invalids in England has been made in the shape of Siberian patridges, which are killed when in prime condition and conveyed frozen by sleigh, rail and boat to London. They are said to be remarkably tender and delicate eating.

Much Soot Settles in London.

An arithmetical genius in England has calculated that about 1000 tons of soot settle on the 110 square miles of London's area every year.

A Sign of Good Health.

Faith is the barometer of the liver. —New York Press.

FATAL INCENDIARY FIRE

Ten Dead and Many Injured in a New York Tenement.

POLICEMEN MAKE BRAVE RESCUES

An Entire Family Wiped Out—Of Another Household Three Are Dead and Six Are Severely Injured—A Policeman Risks His Life to Save Imperilled Tenants and Was Badly Burned.

New York City (Special).—Ten persons suffocated or burned to death, including one entire family of seven persons; seven seriously injured, two slightly injured, and a property loss not exceeding $8000. That is the result of a fire of mysterious origin which gutted an old-fashioned five-story tenement at No. 34 Jackson street. The dead are: William Cotter, laborer, forty years; Kate Cotter, his wife, thirty-five years; Mary Cotter, daughter, thirteen years; Joseph Cotter, son, twelve years; Kate Cotter, daughter, nine years; John Cotter, son three years; William Cotter, son, nine months; Louis Marius, laborer, forty years; Mary Marius, his wife, thirty-eight years; Elsie Marius, daughter, six years, and Patrick Byrne, twenty-five years. That the roll of dead and injured was not far greater is due to the fact that four policemen did their duty nobly. One in particular, Patrolman James T. Knowles, covered himself with glory. The fire started about 2:40 o'clock a. m. The flames had gained full headway before any of the thirty or more persons in the building awakened. An employe of a near-by bakery was the first to give the alarm.

Patrolman James T. Knowles heard the commotion which followed the cry of warning, and ran from his post, rapping on the curb for assistance. Patrolman Selleck heard the raps, and joined his brother officer. Together they forced an entrance into the house next door and made their way over a narrow stone ledge to the window opposite, from which the flames were pouring. Up through the smoke the policemen groped their way to the rooms occupied by the Cotter family, new tenants.

On the other side of the floor lived the Mulhearns, husband, wife and three children, and a boarder, Larry Kilroy. They were pushed out and sent to the street. The clothing of one of the policemen was then in flames. He crushed the fire out with his hands. The Fire Department came, and life-saving ladders were run up. Firemen entered the burning building and found the Cotter family had perished. Further investigation resulted in the discovery of the other victims.

Within a few blocks of the tenement where ten persons perished in the flames another fire occurred, resulting in the death of one person and the injury of nine others. The dead person is Mrs. Jennie Solomon, thirty years of age, found burned to death in the rear of the first floor.

The building, No. 26 Rutgers street, in which this occurred, has been tenanted but a few months. It contained six floors and a basement. Samuel Solomon, who lives in the front on the first floor, conducts a millinery establishment. He was chatting in the front with a friend when a gust of wind blew a lace curtain against the gas jet. The men ran for water, and before they returned the entire contents of the room were blazing up and smoke was pouring through the narrow stairways to the roof.

The flames were extinguished in a few minutes. When it was thought that all the tenants had gotten out safely the body of a woman was found in the hallway in the rear of the first floor. She had been burned to death She was identified as Mrs. Jennie Solomon, wife of Samuel Solomon.

MRS. GLADSTONE DEAD.

Widow of the "Grand Old Man" of England Passes Away at Hawarden.

London (By Cable).—Mrs. Gladstone the widow of William Ewart Gladstone, the English statesman, is dead. Her body was buried in Westminster Abbey beside that of her husband.

Mrs. William Ewart Gladstone was eighty-eight years old, and had been slowly sinking for some time past at Hawarden Castle, the family seat

MRS. WILLIAM EWART GLADSTONE.

She was the eldest daughter of the late Sir Richard Glynne, Bart., of Hawarden Castle, and was married to Mr Gladstone in 1839. He died May 19, 1898.

She was a woman loved and admired by the vast circle of those who came in contact with her busy and varied life. She had great influence over her husband's actions.

THE POLITICAL CAMPAIGN.

Republican Congressional Committee headquarters will be in Chicago.

John W. Kern has been nominated by the Democrats for Governor of Indiana.

Democratic nominees for State offices in North Carolina are touring the State in a body.

The Republican State ticket in Illinois is made up wholly of men living outside of Chicago.

Former Congressman Dockery has been nominated for Governor of Missouri by the Democrats.

Admiral Dewey's cousin is one of the delegates from Idaho to the Democratic National Convention.

Charles H. Corrigan, of Syracuse, N. Y., has been nominated for Governor by the Socialist Labor party.

The Louisiana Democratic platform instructed for Bryan, denounced imperialism and trusts, and sympathized with the Boers.

W. S. Taylor has issued a statement in which he declines to be a candidate for the Republican nomination for Governor of Kentucky.

The National Committee of the National (gold) Democratic party has been called for July 25, and it is expected that a third Presidential ticket will be named.

Rear-Admiral Schley wrote to Colonel A. K. McClure, of Philadelphia, that he would not run for Vice-President nor serve if elected.

Clark Howell, member of the National Democratic Committee from Georgia, said: "There is no possible doubt that Mr. Bryan will receive the vote of every Southern State at the Kansas City convention."

Colonel John I. Martin, sergeant-at-arms for the Democratic National Convention, says he will permit the committeemen to name assistants, and this will keep from the halls all persons not from the States supposed to be represented.

NEWSY GLEANINGS.

It costs $15 to go through the Paris Exposition.

A bull-fighting arena to seat 13,000 people is to be erected at Montmorency.

Negroes will hold a National Race Congress in Montgomery, Ala., July 25, 26 and 27.

The number of Russian emigrants to Siberia in the past seven years has averaged 150,000 a year.

Tests made of bread sold by many bakeries in Chicago show that a large part of the output is light weight.

Brigadier-General Funston discovered in a forest in Luzon almost all the archives of the Aguinaldo Government.

The city of Cleveland, Ohio, is the first to create a department whose sole object is the abatement of the smoke nuisance.

Residents of Atlanta, Ga., hope that circuses will come there, now that the license has been reduced from $1000 a day to $500.

It has developed that there are regular schools in New York City where beggars are taught to simulate lameness and disease.

Secretary of War Root has directed the Military Governor of the Philippines to appoint a board to revise the tariff schedules.

A bag of Transvaal mail, intended for Naples, was landed by a German steamer, by mistake, at Aden, and was confiscated by the British.

Renting charred goods to be submitted as proof of fire in pressing claims against insurance companies is the latest firebug dodge discovered in New York City.

It will cost the Government nearly $15,000 to purchase the paper with which to manufacture the extra money provided for by the currency law in the way of additional national bank circulation.

LABOR WORLD.

Union coal miners in Kansas have won their strike.

A conference has been agreed on at Chicago to settle labor difficulties there.

A general strike of the building trades in Kansas City has been ordered.

A jury at Kansas City, Mo., declared the Coal Dealers' Club in the city was an illegal combine.

The wholesale grocers of Memphis, Tenn., close their stores every day during the summer at 2 o'clock.

Miners in the Schuylkill (Penn.) region will be paid one per cent, below the $2.50 basis for the last half of May and first half of June.

Members of various circles of the Brotherhood of the Union in Camden, N. J., have formed a preliminary organization to suppress child labor in the city.

There are now forty pearl-button factories in Iowa, working up shells procured from the river beds. Nearly 1500 people are employed in the factories alone.

Seven thousand dock laborers in London have struck, alleging that the agreement with respect to overtime and meal time had been violated by their employers.

There are nine branches in New York State of the Women's International Union Labor League, whose object is to persuade working men and women to buy only goods bearing the union label.

A great national organization of wood workers, with over 150,000 members, is in process of organization. It will include the United Brotherhood of Carpenters, the American Order of Stairbuilders and many smaller unions.

Mysterious Mines in Africa.

Besides the reefs which have been discovered, there exists in Rhodesia an enormous quantity of "old workings," mines which were worked in ancient times, but have long since been abandoned, says the London Telegraph. By whom these mines were worked is and will probably remain forever a mystery. From old pottery and tools which have been found it is evident that these old workings were excavated by or under the direction of men of knowledge and intelligence superior to those possessed by the present inhabitants of the country. Gold was extracted from these mines by smelting, many furnaces having been found, and alongside of them ancient molds in which ingots were cast. Several ruins have also been discovered in Rhodesia, the magnitude and workmanship of which proves that men of superior civilization either inhabited or else occupied this part of the world a few thousand years before us. To them are probably due the ancient workings which have been found. With the primitive instruments at their command these miners of a past age were only able to scrape the surface of the gold-bearing reefs, so that the quantity of gold which has been taken from the mines hardly affects their value, while they are a precious indication to the prospector and enable him to test the reef below the surface, and, as a rule, the site of most of these old workings seems to have been selected by competent men, who chose the richest reefs.

Odd Causes of a Queer Wedding.

One of the most romantic marriages that has occurred in Bowling Green, Ohio, for some time took place when Harrison Cheney, who is about seventy years of age, was married to Miss Agnes May, aged eighteen years. The marriage was in the way of the fulfillment of a promise made many years ago.

Cheney, when a young man, lived in a Pennsylvania town, and was a lover of one who married another. She took sick afterward, and upon her deathbed she asked Cheney to look after a little daughter. This he did, and she in time grew up and was married. She was taken sick with consumption, and, too, passed away, but not before she had pledged Cheney to look after her little girl, then two years old. His devotion to the little child culminated in their marriage.

Hours of West Point Cadets.

The students of the West Point Military Academy have just one hour and a half recreation a day, except Wednesdays and Saturdays, when they have six hours. They are called at 5:30 in the morning, and breakfast at 6 in the summer, and in the winter they are called at 6 and breakfast at 6:30, and their day is divided into tasks that continue until taps is sounded at 10 o'clock at night and all lights must go out.

Mayor of Dublin's Dignity.

The Lord Mayor of Dublin maintains a degree of pomp and circumstance far greater than that of any other civic dignitary in the United Kingdom outside of London. His official residence is a stately edifice, with ample accommodation for entertaining, including "the round room," a vast chamber constructed when the city entertained George IV. The equipages and powdered footmen of his lordship would do no discredit to his brother official in London. The Lord Mayor receives $15,000 a year, but it must be remembered that $15,000 a year in Dublin goes further than it does in London. The chief magistrate has enjoyed the title of lord since the time of Charles II. By far the most distinguished holder of the office was Daniel O'Connell.

A Palpable Injustice.

Half the men in the world get less than they earn and the other half earn less than they get.—New York Press.

Young People's Christian Union.

The Transportation Agents from New England States, Connecticut, New York and New Jersey, of the Young People's Christian Union, which meets in Atlanta, Ga., July 10, 1900, have selected as the official route the Southern Railway—the route through the "Land of the Sky." Special trains have been arranged and it will be one of the most successful meetings ever held by the Union. Full particulars from Transportation Agents or Southern Ry. Ticket Offices, 271 and 1185 Broadway, New York. Alex. S. Thweatt, Eastern Pass. Agt., 1185 Broadway, New York.

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Rev. J. R. Bridges, Columbia, Mo., says Please send me one bottle of Frey's Vermifuge. None to be had here.

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Have you ever experienced the joyful sensation of a good appetite? You will if you chew Adams' Pepsin Tutti Frutti.

An Iowa concern is making farm wagons wholly of steel.

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MATTIE HOLT,
Sept. 24, 1898. Burlington, N. C.

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COLE'S SUMMIT.

Cherries are ripening.

The recent showers have refreshed the earth to a certain extent.

Rumor has it a certain young man in this valley will soon bring home his bride.

Mr. Bouse Taylor, our census enumerator, very creditably did his work in this neighborhood.

The hay crop will be short on account of the drought, however, it is booming now since the rain.

H. F. Hess, of previous mention, is very much improved and has at last laid aside his crutches.

T. G. Smith, while ploughing corn one day recently, had a light sunstroke but is able to be around again.

Mrs. Stephen Chilcote and son visited friends here over Sabbath. They hail from Springfield township.

Mrs. Libbie Carmon and daughter, of Huntingdon, stopped with friends at Cole's a couple of days last week.

Noel Smith, of Mount Union, came to visit his grandparents, W. Bradley, Sr., on Saturday last. He made the trip on his wheel.

Samuel Smith and Blaine Locke attended children's day services in the M. E. church at Saltillo on Sunday evening last. They report the exercises were fine.

Harry Locke, of Altoona, who spent a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Locke, left on Monday for home. He is flagman on the middle division of the P. R. R.

John M. Drake has been unanimously elected by the members of Fairview Sunday school to teach the little folks to sing. We hope he may be successful as all they need is training and practice.

Rev. James Lane, of Huntingdon, made a business trip to Cole's on last Wednesday. Rev. Lane is a practical business man and has spent much valued time and money in looking after his farms and coal lands.

LATTA GROVE.

Joseph H. Dell is hauling his wheat to market.

Our neighbor, Peter Dell, continues to suffer from rheumatism.

Music for the picnic will be furnished by the Hare's Valley drum corps.

David H. Dell, who has been attending school at Rockhill, has returned home.

Prof. Milton B. Wright is attending commencment exercises at Juniata college this week.

Children's day services will be held at Bowman's chapel at 9.30 o'clock next Sunday morning.

Elmer Bowman continues to slaughter serpents but he has failed to hand in the score for last week.

Bruce Smith and wife arrived at the home of his parents a few days ago. Bruce has not been enjoying good health.

Miss Verna, youngest daughter of John G. White, of Lewistown, is spending a few weeks in this section for the benefit of her health.

Don't forget the picnic next Saturday. Should the weather prove unfavorable the exercises will be in the P. O. S. of A. hall. No postponement.

Bert Smith killed a very large rattlesnake recently. The execution occurred at night and Bert says it was too dark to take measurements.

Mrs. J. G. Dell, of Huntingdon, is at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Stever. She expects to remain a few weeks among friends in this section.

BROAD TOP CITY.

Miss Ada Heath returned home from Philadelphia last week.

Children's service was held in the M. E. church on Sunday evening.

The pleasant faces of Claude Morgan and Leonard Sweet were visible on our streets on Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. I. O. Briggs and little daughter, Monica, of Pittsburg, are visiting Mrs. Briggs' father, Mr. C. K. Horton.

TROUGH CREEK.

Mrs. Jeff Wright is visiting in Indiana.

The recent rains have started the oats off in good shape but were too late to help the hay crop very much. Never satisfied.

A number of the farmers are trying the cream separators sold by the Petersburg agent. As far as heard from they are highly pleased.

The school board agreed to lay the same amount of school tax that was levied last year, hoping that Governor Stone's cut on the appropriation will not be sustained by the courts. Wake up, farmers, and look after your interests by keeping up the fight for fair play or you will be left.

Our supervisor improved the approach to our end of the Montgomery Hollow bridge. Now let the Henderson township supervisor do his end as well and we will not complain for a while. Our supervisor has given us a plain object lesson in regard to the valley road. He has filled up the worst mud holes and repaired the bridges where needed and now our road is in as good condition as if a hundred dollars had been spent in the old way of plowing and throwing dirt where it was of no use. A Cass township citizen said to the writer last week that he supposed there would be no more working on the roads the old way since they have the road machine.

CLAY TOWNSHIP.

The recent showers have made a decided improvement on the appearance of all vegetation.

Daniel Swartz, who was seriously injured some time ago by a log rolling on him, is recovering slowly and is as patriotic and jolly as usual.

Ralph Madden has secured the position of brakeman on a passenger train on the P. R. R., with headquarters at Pittsburg. Success, Ralph.

Many people denounce the pugnacious English sparrow, and justly, too, in many of his traits, but he has some good qualities too. While your correspondent was plowing corn in an orchard near a large barn where a score or more of the pesky sparrows had their home and were rearing their families, I never saw a more industrious set of little fellows playing scavenger in the way of gathering up all manner of insects in the corn field, both on the ground and on the apple trees, from early morn till late in the evening. Don't be too hard on the English sparrow.

Tetter, Salt-Rheum and Eczema.

The intense itching and smarting incident to these diseases is instantly allayed by applying Chamberlain's Eye and Skin Ointment Many very bad cases have been permanently cured by it. It is equally efficient for itching piles and a favorite remedy for sore nipples, chapped hands, chilblains, frost bites and chronic sore eyes. 25cts. per box. For sale by J. G. Gillam.

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Teachers' Examinations for Huntingdon County, 1900.

Shirleysburg,	June 4
Shade Gap,	" 5
Richvale,	" 6
Orbisonia,	" 7
Maddensville,	" 8
Saltillo,	" 9
Mapleton,	" 13
Rockhill,	14-15
Three Springs,	" 16
Mount Union,	" 18
Cassville,	" 25
Chestnut Grove,	" 26
Broad Top City,	" 27
Entriken,	" 28
Valley,	" 29
Marklesburg,	" 30
McConnellstown,	July 10
Mill Creek,	" 11
Union Church,	" 12
Centre Union,	" 13
Hawn's,	" 14
Alexandria,	" 16
Spruce Creek,	" 17
Warriorsmark,	" 18
Franklinville,	" 19
Shaffersville,	" 20
Petersburg,	" 21
Compropst's Mills,	" 24
McAlevy's Fort,	" 25
Saulsburg,	" 26
Neff's Mills,	" 27

Examinations will begin at 8.30 A. M.

Teachers will be examined in their home districts.

Applicants from other counties will present a certificate from their own County Superintendent before entering the class.

Strangers to the Superintendent will present a testimonial as to good moral character.

The Secretary will kindly see that the room in which the examination is to be held is open and in suitable condition for work.

S. G. RUDY,
County Superintendent.

Huntingdon, Pa., May 22, 1900.

Would Not Suffer So Again For Fifty Times Its Price.

I awoke last night with severe pains in my stomach. I never felt so badly in all my life. When I came down to work this morning I felt so week I could hardly work. I went to Miller & McCurdy's drug store and they recommended Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. It worked like magic and one dose fixed me all right. It certainly is the finest thing I ever used for stomach trouble. I shall not be without it in my home hereafter, for I should not care to endure the sufferings of last night again for fifty times its price.—G. H. Wilson, Liveryman, Burgettstown, Washington Co., Pa. This remedy is for sale by J. G. Gillam.

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For the National Democratic Convention to be held at Kansas City, July 4, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will sell excursion tickets to Kansas City from all stations on its line at rate of one first-class fare for the round trip. Tickets to be sold and good going July 1, 2 and 3, and to return until July 9, inclusive. These tickets will be good on all trains except the Pennsylvania Limited, and must be used for continuous passage. 6-13-3t

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ANNUAL STATEMENT of the financial condition of Mapleton borough school district for the year ending June, 1900.

Account of John A. Toomey, collector of school fund.

DR.

To amount of Duplicate	$576 81	
" 5 per cent. on $140.67	7 02	
" refunding order	7 36	
CR.		
By exonerations		$ 8 72
" 5 per cent. off 329.55 for prompt payment		16 48
" 3 per cent. for collecting $329.55		9 89
" 5 per cent. for collecting $238.54		11 93
" Treasurer's receipts		544 17
	$591 19	$591 19

Account of A. W. Swope, treasurer of school fund.

DR.

To amount from 1898-99	113 31	
" " from Collector	544 17	
" state appropriation	704 41	
CR.		
By vouchers		1161 83
" 2 per cent. as treasurer of $1161.83		23 24
Balance Dr.		176 82
	$1361 89	$1361 89
Balance in Treasury	$176 82	

Secretary's report of Mapleton borough school district for year ending June, 1900.

No. of schools, 4; No. of teachers, 4; average salary of male teachers, $36.25; average salary of female teachers, $30.00; No. of male scholars, 73; No. of female scholars, 64; average daily attendance, 100; per cent. of attendance, 92; No. mills laid, 5; amount levied, $566.

FINANCES.

DR.

To balance on hand at last settlement	$113 31	
" state appropriation	704 41	
" amount from Collector	566 00	
CR.		
By teachers' wages		927 50
" " " for attending institute		33 13
" repairs		57 64
" text books		20 24
" supplies		30 61
" fuel		34 64
" Collector's fees		21 82
" Treasurer's fees		23 24
" other expenses		45 76
" Secretary's salary		12 00
Balance in treasury		176 82
	1383 70	1383 70

A. M. PARKER, Secretary. J. G. Hicks, President.

We, the undersigned auditors of the Borough of Mapleton, being duly sworn, certify that we have examined the accounts of the collector and treasurer of the Borough school fund and the above is a true and correct copy thereof to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Witness our hands and seals this 11th day of June, A. D., 1900.

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J. L. HETRICK,
A. B. BAKER,
Auditors.

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